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ROOS FACE WORLD ON SUNDAY

The moment of truth has arrived. Unbeaten in four practice matches in Holland and Belgium, the Australian youth squad arrived in the USSR yesterday (Tuesday) and has three days to acclimatise in Minsk before taking on the Soviets in the opening game of the World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup.

The results were: 3-1 v. TOP Oss, 2-2 v. Volharding, 8-0 v. Belgian amateur side Zennester Hombek and 3-1 v. a Zealand select side.

Coch Jim Shoulder used the practice matches to shape his lineup for the clash with the USSR on early Sunday morning, Australian time. Providing there are no injuries or a change

From KNUT WERNER

of mind by Shoulder, the following 11 will face the world on international television (including SBS, whose live coverage starts at 12.35am AEST).

Paul Jones — Mike McLelland, Robert Hooker, Mark Jones, Angie Postecoglou — Alex Bundalo, David Sharpe, John Panagis, Lou Hristodoulou — Warren Spink, Chris Kalantzis.

Paul Jones has strapping around the right knee and left thigh and also been wearing a protective elastic strapping because of a back strain.

Mark Jones has taken over the centre back position from Aid Kotzomichalis.

But the revelation has been Postecoglou who looks a quality player at

left back and may well end up one of the players of the series.

Tiny midfielder David Sharpe has adapted perfectly to the system and has emerged as a real driving force at the heart of the midfield.

His boundless energy is matched by the tireless running of John Panagis on the left side.

Alex Bundalo, the right-sided midfielder, is unlikely to be used for the full 90 minutes. His fitness is not as good as that of the other players but Shoulder is quite prepared to burn him out for maybe an hour and then replace him with a fresh man, probably Sean Ingham.

Up front, Warren Spink (Makedonia) has hit his straps, grabbing a hat-trick against Zealand and scoring against Oss as well as having a field day in Belgium, relishing the freedom

and some butter-fingered goalkeeping as he scored five of the easiest goals he has notched in his career.

Spink's partner, Chris Kalantzis, started well but clearly does not enjoy the task of tracking men down, but after getting a telling-off from Shoulder over the game against Volharding and then being substituted after only half an hour in Belgium, he came to terms with his job against Zealand, and set up a goal as well as hitting the crossbar with a free kick.

Lou Hristodoulou is the forward-cum-midfielder switched from his normal AIS role as striker.

Details of Australia's match against Zennester Hombek in Belgium: AUSTRALIA 8 (Spink 11th, 50th, 52nd, 54th, 84th, Ingham 48th, 86th, McLelland 71st) ZENNESTER 0.

Andrew Dettre

Australians world's best at under 12?

I am writing this between two bouts of media delirium, before my colleagues exhaust all the adjectives in the dictionary.

Everybody has had his say about the exploits of our under-16 team in China. Critics, commentators, casual observers, former stars and others all come to the conclusion that:

• at under-16 we are world class

• at under-21 we are almost world class

• at senior level we fall back because we don't have full-time professionalism.

I wish it were as simple as that.

It will be interesting to see how the young Socceroos fare in Minsk.

Chances are they will register some useful results and may even go close to reaching the quarter-finals.

This, of course, would trigger further media euphoria and more insensitive and careless remarks about soccer's problems, all in an instant nutshell.

Everybody knows that in most sports — not just soccer — there comes a certain milestone which separates the men from the boys, so to speak.

Soccer is not unique in all this. Tennis, for instance, has produced some junior world champions for Australia in recent years — but so far none of them has grown into a senior star, a la Boris Becker. In fact, the lower you dip in age groups, the more estab-

lished hierarchy of the game becomes meaningless.

This is clearly seen in Australia's case. At under 21 level we beat Argentina and then Scotland, at under 16 we beat Argentina and West Germany.

Perhaps, at under 12, we would be world champions. How about proposing to Joao Havelange such a tournament?

But can anybody seriously suggest that at senior level we can beat the Germans, Scots or Argentinians?

Various writers, such as Les Murray and John Warren, have analysed, more correctly than others, why Australian boys hold their own against all others at 16 or 18 — but then start to slip back.

However, I don't agree that it's only the absence of full-time professionalism that is the cause of it all.

It is also the absence of professional coaching and management that widens the gap.

In middle-class Australia youngsters begin to lose their strong sporting motivation as

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Penrith to take NSL to court?

Penrith City has threatened to take the NSL to court unless the club is granted a tribunal hearing on its claims that Marshall Soper of Sydney Olympic was ineligible to play against Penrith on 21 July.

Olympic won that game 1-0 but Penrith wants the result reversed. Soper was sent off the field during the abandoned game between Olympic and Sydney Hakoah on 7 July.

Under the rules, he should have been suspended automatically for one match.

The NSL charged Soper and Hakoah's Gerry Gomez with having brought the game into disrepute over incidents during the abandoned match. Both were suspended for two weeks but the sentence was halved on appeal. Soper served one week and played against Penrith.

When Penrith pointed out that Soper should have served another week for having been sent off, the league said he had served both sentences concurrently. Penrith secretary John Glynn appears to have good grounds for saying: "The way I see it, Mr Rafferty writes the league's rules."

"It appears that the league's outrage over the Pratlen Park fiasco was just a big media show," Glynn said.

Players meet

A meeting to form Australia's first players' union will be held at the Windsor Castle Hotel at Windsor, near St Kilda, tomorrow (Thursday), at 8.30pm.

All players are urged to attend. Richard Wilson, the New Zealand international goalkeeper who is the prime mover behind the players' union, said this week that the union also would represent youth players.

Hellas, Hakoah looking good

Peter Katholos off to Greece

... Zarko Odzakovic doubtful

Makedonia decimated by injuries. It adds up to good news for the big two. South Melbourne Hellas and Sydney Hakoah in the NSL finals.

The finals start tonight (Wednesday) but the two league leaders won't come in until Sunday.

Tonight's games are: SOUTHERN DIVISION, at Olympic Park from 6.30pm: Makedonia v Melbourne Croatia, followed by Heidelberg Alexander v Brunswick Juventus.

NORTHERN DIVISION, at St George Stadium, 7.30pm: Sydney Olympic v St George Budapest, at Marconi Stadium, 7.30 pm: Sydney Croatia v Marconi.

The losers of the Makedonia-Melbourne Croatia and Olympic-St George semi-finals will be eliminated, and the winners meet the losers of the other two semi-finals on Sunday. The winners of Heidelberg-Juventus and Sydney Croatia-Marconi take on Hellas and Hakoah respectively on Sunday.

Sunday's venues are Olympic Park and St George Stadium.

Hellas, the defending national champion,

By LAURIE SCHWAB

has John Yzendoorn back after a long lay-off and Doug Brown returns after suspension. Oscar Grino was rested last Sunday, so he too may be back, giving Hellas a full-strength team but for the absence of Angie Postecoglou who's with the young Socceroos in the USSR.

John Kosmina still will be missing from Hakoah's team due to a toe injury, and there's some doubt about David Mitchell who has bruised ribs after colliding with Canberra goalkeeper Tony Franken. Graeme Fletcher is standing by to replace Mitchell if necessary.

Makedonia, Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Croatia, all are in a mess.

Having lost goalkeeper Zeljko Govic due to injury, and with the other goalkeeper, Mirko Runje, in the USSR, Melbourne Croatia may have to resort to putting left back George Hannah into goal. The only alternative is 16-year-old Ante Kolcic, who does not have senior experience.

In addition, Josip Biskic has a knee injury, Jozo Antolovic and John Campbell have injured ankles and Drago Deankovic was concussed during the 2-3 loss to Brisbane Lions.

Gary Cole (hamstring), Ian Dobson (stomach muscles), Steve Smith (knee), Sean Lane (knee), Con Opaninis (calf) and Gordon Flavell (high) are all on Makedonia's injuries list.

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Let's have 14: Arok

National coach Frank Arok has joined the call for a 14-team NSL.

Talking about his club, St. George Budapest, he said: "We concentrate this year on promoting youngsters rather than spending big money on stars, because we don't think the league in its present form is worth investing in."

"The divided league format is a failure. If next year, we go to a 14-team league, then St. George

will again buy good players and import some top names from overseas."

"Why should the 14 clubs in the Northern Region subsidise the air fares of the Brisbane and Adelaide clubs? It is simply bad business."

And APIA president Nick Papallo says: "We must look seriously at the league set-up under which we have been playing for the past two years. There are not enough quality players to go around."

Juventus president Tony Schiavello, meanwhile, is pushing for a return to State-based leagues with national play-offs at the end of the season.

South Melbourne Hellas president Jim Diamataris argues that fans would come back to NSL games to watch glamorous interstate clubs.

Opponents of the 14-team proposal warn that a new format would not necessarily increase attendances sufficiently.

Frank Arok



Advocates of State super leagues are right in claiming that such a format would be much cheaper, and that a national play-off series at the end of the year would provide the necessary glamor to attract crowds. But every proposal depends on whether it has majority support when it comes to voting. And clubs will vote for something only if it benefits them.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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● **RIGHT:** The young Australians who meet the USSR on early Sunday morning, Australian time. Watch them live on TV. From left, back row: Mirko Runje, John Gregson, Aki Kotzamalichis, Andrew Koczka, John Panagis, Angie Postecoglou. Middle row: Dr. Siri Kannangara, Henry Wajswainer (physiotherapist), Alex Bundalo, Sean Ingham, Paul Jones, Warren Spink, Richard Bassingthwaite, Jim Shoolin (coach), Brian Emery (ASF secretary). Front: Mike McLennan, Peter Petkovski, David Sharpe, Robert Hooker, Chris Kalantzis, Lou Hristodoulou.

Meet the young Aussies

No. 1 Paul Jones

— born 11.55.1968, height 176cm, weight 80kg
— occupation — installations worker
— position — goalkeeper
— plays with the Australian Institute of Sport
— formerly with Forestfield, Perth

No. 2 Robert Hooker

— born 6.3.1967, height 174cm, weight 73kg
— student
— position — defender — 1985 team captain
— plays with the Australian Institute of Sport
— formerly with Sydney City Hawks

No. 3 John Gregson

— born 23.8.1965, height 180cm, weight 80kg
— student
— position — defender
— plays with Melita Eagles
— likes basketball and indoor soccer

No. 4 Mark Jones

— born 5.6.1966, height 178cm, weight 70kg
— student
— position — defender
— plays with Newcastle Rosebud
— also plays 1st grade cricket and has represented Newcastle

No. 5 Aki Kotzamalichis

— born 12.6.1966, height 6ft 4ins, weight 96kg
— student
— position — defender
— plays with Melbourne Croatia

No. 6 Andrew Koczka

— born 9.9.1965, height 6ft 1in, weight 12½ stone
— occupation — industrial painter
— position — midfielder
— plays with St. George Budapest

No. 7 Alex Bundalo

— born 18.5.1966, height 173cm, weight 68kg
— student
— position — striker
— plays with Wollongong City
— also plays squash, tennis, golf and table tennis

No. 8 John Panagis

— born 28.3.1966, height 5ft 10in, weight 71kg
— occupation — apprentice motor mechanic
— position — midfielder
— plays with West Adelaide Hellas
— also plays squash and likes swimming

No. 9 Peter Petkovski

— born 25.9.1966, height 175cm, weight 75kg
— student
— position — striker
— plays with St. George Budapest

No. 10 Lou Hristodoulou

— born 7.8.1967, height 179cm, weight 76kg
— student
— position — striker or winger
— plays with the Australian Institute of Sport
— before entering the Institute he played with West Adelaide Hellas
— the only member of the squad who is eligible for the 1987 world youth championships



No. 11 Chris Kalantzis

— born 22.7.1967, height 6ft, weight 75kg
— occupation — bricklayer
— position — striker
— plays with Sydney Olympic
— unquestionably the star of the team

No. 12 Michael McLennan

— born 13.4.1967, height 5ft 7in, weight 67kg
— student

— position — defender
— Victorian who plays with the Australian Institute of Sport

No. 13 Sean Ingham

— born 13.8.1965, height 172cm, weight 10.5 stone
— unemployed
— position — striker
— plays with the Australian Institute of Sport and previously with Adamstown Rosebud

No. 14 Warren Spink

— born 4.10.1966, height 169cm, weight 10.5 stone
— student
— position — striker
— plays with Preston-Makedonia
— former Victorian junior player of the year

No. 15 Richard Bassingthwaite

— born 19.8.1965, height 5ft 10in, weight 11 stone
— student
— position — midfielder
— plays with Brisbane Lions
— likes trial bike riding, surfing and indoor cricket

No. 16 David Sharpe

— born 29.6.1966, height 164cm, weight 64kg
— student
— position — midfielder
— plays with the Australian Institute of Sport

No. 17 Angie Postecoglou

— born 27.8.1965, height 6ft, weight 70kg
— position — defender
— plays with South Melbourne Hellas

No. 18 Mirko Runje

— born 14.10.1966, height 187cm, weight 85kg
— student
— position — goalkeeper
— plays with Melbourne Croatia
— also likes volleyball and athletics

Operation



● Australia's most capped youth international, Jim Pavikas (left) and Tony Dakas in Mexico's Azteca Stadium during the 1983 WYC.

ALL THE MATCHES

FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup, World Youth Championship schedule of matches:

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A

	Date	Time	Stadium
1 Hungary - Colombia...	24.8.85	15.00	Razdan Yerewan
5 Tunisia - Bulgaria.....	24.8.85	19.00	Razdan Yerewan
9 Hungary - Tunisia.....	26.8.85	19.00	Razdan Yerewan
13 Colombia - Bulgaria.....	27.8.85	19.00	Razdan Yerewan
17 Hungary - Bulgaria.....	29.8.85	19.00	Razdan Yerewan
21 Colombia - Tunisia.....	29.8.85	19.00	Jubilee Oktoberbryan

GROUP B

2 Ireland - Brazil.....	24.8.85	15.00	Dynamo Tbilissi
6 Saudi Arabia - Spain.....	24.8.85	19.00	Dynamo Tbilissi
10 Ireland - Saudi Arabia.....	26.8.85	19.00	Dynamo Tbilissi
14 Brazil - Spain.....	27.8.85	19.00	Dynamo Tbilissi
18 Ireland - Spain.....	29.8.85	19.00	Dynamo Tbilissi
22 Brazil - Saudi Arabia.....	29.8.85	19.00	Locomotive Tbilissi

GROUP C

3 USSR - Australia.....	24.8.85	19.00	Dynamo Minsk
7 Nigeria - Canada.....	24.8.85	15.00	Dynamo Minsk
11 USSR - Nigeria.....	26.8.85	19.00	Dynamo Minsk

15 Australia - Canada.....	27.8.85	19.00	Dynamo Minsk
19 USSR - Canada.....	29.8.85	19.00	Dynamo Minsk
23 Australia - Nigeria.....	29.8.85	19.00	Tractor Minsk

GROUP D

4 England - Paraguay....	24.8.85	15.00	Republic Baku
8 China - Mexico.....	24.8.85	19.00	Republic Baku
12 England - China.....	26.8.85	19.00	Republic Baku
16 Paraguay - Mexico.....	27.8.85	19.00	Republic Baku
20 England - Mexico.....	29.8.85	19.00	Republic Baku
24 Paraguay - China.....	29.8.85	19.00	Mekhti Sumgait

SECOND ROUND

25 1A - 2B.....	1.9.85	19.00	Razdan Yerewan
26 1B - 2A.....	1.9.85	19.00	Dynamo Tbilissi
27 1C - 2D.....	1.9.85	17.00	Dynamo Minsk
28 1D - 2C.....	4.9.85	18.00	Kirov Leningrad

SEMI FINALS

29 Winner 25 - Winner 27....	4.9.85	19.00	Lenin Stadium Moscow
30 Winner 26 - Winner 28....	4.9.85	18.00	Kirov Leningrad

FINALS

31 Loser 29 - Loser 30.....	7.9.85	13.00	Lenin Stadium Moscow
32 Winner 29 - Winner 30....	7.9.85	19.00	Lenin Stadium Moscow

Olympic target

A F.I.F.A. decision to restrict Olympic Games teams to players younger than 23 is further incentive for the Australian squad, as these players are the basis of our 1988 Olympic Games team.

These players can only be replaced by players younger than themselves.

The experience that they will gain in playing in the WYC finals in the USSR will be of distinct advantage in the preparation of the Olympic Games team.

Help from Coke

The Coca-Cola Company is again supporting the World Youth Championship for the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup.

The championship, the fifth since the inaugural play-off in Tunisia in 1977, is further evidence of the strong association the company has developed with soccer over the years.

• From left: Theo Selenidis, Peter Katholos, Steve Hogg and Greg Woodhouse train on Copacabana Beach in Rio on their way to Paraguay for 1979 WYC games.



It's live on TV

SBS-TV's exclusive live telecast of the finals begins on Sunday, August 25 at 12.55am (12.25am in Adelaide) with the Australia v Russia clash.

The next live telecast, of the Australia v Canada game, is on Wednesday, August 28 at 12.55 am (12.25 am in Adelaide). SBS will show the Australia v Nigeria game.

The SBS coverage will culminate in a live telecast of the final from Moscow on Sunday, September 8 at 12.55am.

Moscow

From
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Flying Pig wants to play in Melbourne

Manchester United, Watford, Everton or Luton? That is the mouth-watering choice for Perth-born goalkeeper Paul Jones within four days of his return to Australia after the World Youth Championships.

Jones is one of eight Australian players selected in an exchange programme run by the Big Brother movement. They will go to England for six weeks to train with one of those four clubs.

There are no guarantees of contract offers but Jones figures that should an offer be made, he can get around the usual hassle of getting a UK work permit because his father is English-born.

Although Old Trafford or Goodison Park may be daunting places for most youngsters, the trip holds no fears for the young goalkeeper.

Jones admits he is cocky about his ability to crack the English professional scene.

Mind you, it has taken two years to undergo the transformation. Jones copied the painful nickname of "The Flying Pig" and has made use of the Australian Institute of Sport psychologist along the way.

And he has matured enough to wonder what coach Jim Shoulder first saw in him when he chose him for a stint at the Institute in 1983.

"Look at me now, take off about two inches in height and add about double that around my waist and you get a picture of what I was like when I first came to the Institute," Jones said.

"While the nickname was apt at the start, it used to worry me. I only had to make one mistake in a game to become really introverted. The resident psychologist at the Institute has played a big part in my emergence as a good-quality goalkeeper.

"Take crosses, for example. They had never been my strongest point but the psychologist encouraged me to watch myself on videos of matches and replay the times when I cut out good crosses. I may see such action 10 times and then have a look at, say, England goalkeeper Peter Shilton doing the same thing in another game. The psychological impact has certainly helped, and before matches now, I spend 10 minutes in my room, picturing match situations and

figuring what has to be done."

International action also has been important, and Jones already has done a fair bit of travelling for a 19-year-old. This is his third trip to Holland and he has reached the stage where he is no longer interested in the scenery.

Soccer is his only concern. The previous trips to Holland have been for international tournaments in Den Bosch and Groenigen and in 1983 there was also a trip over the border into West Germany for the Dortmund tournament.

Last October, Jones was selected in the Australian team that contested the Merlion Cup in Singapore.

"With the Institute we have won and lost matches but more than anything, the players now know that when we get our act together we are as good as anything in European football.

"Singapore was the real learning experience for me, though. We were playing against senior sides and we copied a fair hiding in the first match I played. But you get confidence from being on the field in international situations."

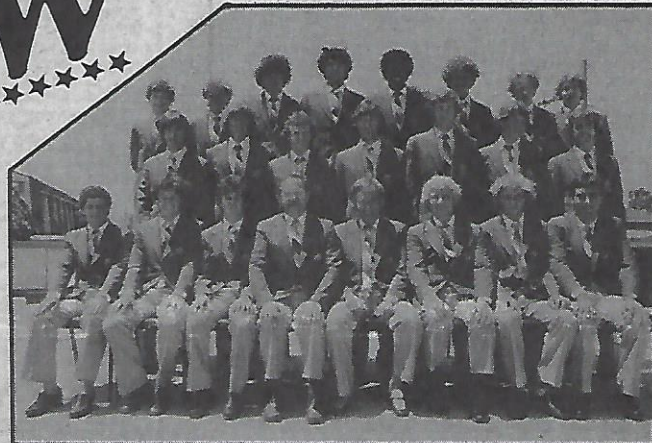
Should the overseas trial fail to produce offers, Jones is keen to establish himself in the National League in 1986.

"I miss my family and friends in Perth but there has been far too much money spent on me to be happy to return and play in the State League in Western Australia," he said.

"I don't fancy the fast pace of Sydney too much and the way I'm thinking at the moment, I would certainly prefer to go to Melbourne."

But Jones's immediate aim is to secure his spot for the first WYC game against the USSR on early Sunday morning, Australian time.

About the chances of Mirko Runke winning the position from him, Jones said: "He is certainly going to have to work bloody hard."



• The 1981 Australian squad, before the World Youth Championships, from left, back row: Dave Skene, Dave Radford, Dennis Ivanac, Vlatko Belic, Gerry Gomez, Peter Raskopoulos, John Little, Grant Lee. Middle row: Oscar Gino, Glenn Ahoorn, Ian Hunter, Steve Blair, Calvin Daint, David Mitchell, David Watt. Front: Spencer Thrope (official), Robert Wheatley, Paul Kay, Michael Weinstein (official), Rud Gutendorf (coach), Brian Emory (official), Brett Woods, Jim Patikas.

NOT AS CLASSY BUT THEY'RE ALL HEART

STEPHEN DETTRE

Australian soccer is gradually shedding the "football cringe" under which it has suffered for years, according to young soccer coach Jimmy Shoulder.

Shoulder believes the recent excellent results of both the senior soccerers in Australia and the under 16 side in China have enhanced the awareness by Australian teams that top-class opposition can be tackled and beaten.

"We are using the traits of the Australian players to our advantage," Shoulder said.

"We have to base our game on what we have not what we'd like."

Disciplined football is what Shoulder sees as being the hallmark of the current young soccerers as they prepare for the first round matches in Minsk, capital of Belorussia, in Western USSR.

Shoulder and his 18 charges were at the Dutch Sports Federation's Training Centre in Sittard last week, living "in the lap of luxury."

"Actually, nobody should beom them that, because we are working them extremely hard," Shoulder said.

Shoulder said that although he felt comparisons were odious, he admitted his current Soccerero team was not as well endowed with exceptional players as previous young Soccerero outfits.

"But that does not mean we will be easy meat," Shoulder said.

"This team has been built by recognising and utilising the qualities the players have."

"We do have some gifted players."

"But the team's advantage is that we have

players who can consistently perform to their best and who are big-hearted."

Shoulder said the team was extremely well disciplined, with each man knowing what tasks he had to perform.

"Being disciplined does not mean they are boring, though," he said.

"It doesn't mean they are locked into a framework where they can't do things it means that they do things."

"We may not get points for being pretty, but, as I've said before, if we can reproduce the things we do in practice on the field, we'll provide some excitement."

Shoulder's dossier on the Australians' first round opponents is, he admits, disappointingly thin.

Australia faces hosts the USSR on Saturday, Canada on August 27 and then Nigeria on August 28, all in Minsk.

"We have made certain assumptions on the characteristics of our opponents," Shoulder said.

"The Soviets should be well prepared, but under a lot of pressure — being the hosts."

"We know a little about the Canadians, and we will get further reports on them from national coaching director, Eric Worthington, who is checking them over for us in England."

"As for the Nigerians, well, we've all seen the Africans before — Cameroon was one of the most delightful teams in the youth cup in Australia in 1981 and then in the World Cup in 1982."

"It's a fair bet to say they will be skilled and on a high after their Under 16 team won the Junior World Cup in China."

How the finalists qualified

EUROPE

European Championship for A-Youth teams:
HUNGARY (champion): first round: beat Czechoslovakia 3-0, beat Spain 2-1, beat Switzerland 1-0, semi-final: beat Poland 1-0, final: beat USSR 2-2 on penalties after 0-0 draw. * Poland did not enter WYC.

USSR: automatically qualified as host
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: first round: beat Scotland 3-0, beat Portugal 3-2, drew Greece 1-1, semi-final: lost to USSR 1-2.

ENGLAND: first round: beat Luxembourg 2-0, drew Germany DR 1-1, drew USSR 1-1.
SPAIN: first round: beat Switzerland 2-1, drew Czechoslovakia 1-1, lost Hungary 1-2.

AFRICA

TUNISIA: first round: Tunisia v Algeria 0-0, Algeria v Tunisia 2-3, second round: Morocco v Tunisia 1-0, Tunisia v Morocco 2-0, third round: Ivory Coast v Tunisia 1-1, Tunisia v Ivory Coast 0-0.

NIGERIA: first round: Nigeria v Ghana 2-0, Ghana v Nigeria 1-0, second round: Cameroon v Nigeria 3-0, Nigeria v Cameroon 5-1, third round: Nigeria v Ethiopia 3-0, Ethiopia v Nigeria 1-1.

ASIA

CHINA: first round: China v Japan 1-0, Thailand v China 2-2, China v Indonesia 7-0, China v Bangladesh 1-0.

China v Thailand 2-1; final round: U.A.E. v China 0-1, China v Saudi Arabia 2-2, Thailand v China 1-2.

SAUDI ARABIA: first round: Saudi Arabia v Bahrain 0-0, Saudi Arabia v Syria 0-0, Qatar v Saudi Arabia 1-2, Pakistan v Saudi Arabia 1-4, Saudi Arabia v U.A.E. 5-3; final round: Saudi Arabia v Thailand 4-1, China v Saudi Arabia 2-2, U.A.E. v Saudi Arabia 2-2.

CONCACAF

MEXICO: first round: Mexico v Costa Rica 3-1, Mexico v Haiti 1-0, Puerto Rico v Mexico 0-3, Mexico v Guyana 2-0, Mexico v Canada 1-1, Honduras v Mexico 0-3; semi-final: Mexico v USA 1-0; final: Mexico v Canada 2-1.

CANADA: first round: Canada v Guatemala 5-0, Canada v El Salvador 0-0, Cuba v Canada 1-1, Honduras v Canada 0-2, Mexico v Canada 1-1, Guyana v Canada 0-2; semi-final: El Salvador v Canada 0-1; final: Canada v Mexico 1-2.

OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA: first round: New Zealand v Australia 1-2, second round: Fiji v Australia 1-6, third round: Australia v Chinese Taipei 3-0, fourth round: Australia v Papua New Guinea 6-0, fifth round: Israel v Australia 2-3.

Saved by Kalantzis

VOLHARDING 2 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM 2 (Bassingthwaigthe, Kalantzis)

AUSTRALIA: Runje 6 — McLellan 6, M. Jones 5, Kotzamis 5, Postoglou 9 — Bundalo 7, Petkovski 5, Koczka 5, Bassingthwaigthe 5 (Panagis — Hristodoulou 5, Kalantzis 8).

The young Soccereros twice came from behind to draw 2-2 with Dutch amateur team Volharding in a warm-up match for the World Youth championships.

Richard Bassingthwaigthe and Chris Kalantzis scored second-half goals to salvage a draw against a team coach Jimmy Shoulder described as "better than some of our lads expected".

"The final line-up is starting to firm up," he

said. "The teams for the final two practice matches should be identical — and pretty close to the team that will meet the Soviet Union."

The home team scored with a neat header to take a 1-0 lead after 30 minutes.

Kalantzis set up Australia's reply midway through the second half, crossing from an acute angle for Bassingthwaigthe to score.

The Dutch team, which included several former professionals, grabbed the lead six minutes later — again breaching the Australian defence before crossing to Kalantzis, who put away the equaliser.

Bassingthwaigthe retired in the second half "when he aggravated an ankle injury he sustained just before the tour."

"But he will be okay," said Shoulder.

The Soccereros met another amateur team in Hombek, Belgium, on Friday and a Zealand Select XI in Middelberg, on Sunday.



Hoare, Franken tie!

Barry Hoare of Blacktown and Tony Franken of Canberra Olympians are the joint winners of the Medibank Private Goalkeeper of the Year award. And as we announced last week, Alan Hunter (Brisbane Lions) wins the Sunicrust Under 21 Player of the Year award.

Hoare and Franken will share their \$250 first prize equally.

Neither player received votes at the weekend, leaving them locked on 38 votes.

Franken has represented Australia 11 times at senior level and seven times at youth level.

Hoare came up through the Granville 10 years and after two years of senior soccer there, spent a season and a half with APIA. He left there because he hadn't had a first-team game, and joined Blacktown, then coached by Rale Rasic.

Blacktown was relegated. Hoare took a year off from soccer, and returned for the season in which the club was promoted back into the NSL.

Egan two goals up

The battle continues for the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer award, with the three leaders, Charlie Egan, Jim Patikas and Mark Jankovic all cutting loose at the weekend. The contest extends through the finals.

Egan's three goals against West Adelaide kept him in the lead with 18, while Patikas scored two to boost his total to 16, and Jankovic is a further goal behind after also scoring two.

Graham Arnold of Sydney Croatia also remains in the running for the award, although he did not score on Sunday.

Graham Honeyman of West Adelaide had the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award tied up some weeks ago, and finishes up winning it by a margin of 12 votes.

Runner-up is Gerry Gomez of Sydney Hakoah, with Bugsy Nyskowski of Adelaide Juventus third and Vedran Rotic of Sydney Croatia fourth.

Leading scorers:
18 Egan (SMH)
16 Patikas (S.C.)
15 Jankovic (Mar) (H.B.)
13 Arnold (S.C.)
11 Latif (SGC), Price (WAH), Farina (SCG), Stevenson (H.B.), Brown (B.J.)
10 Lewis (GG), Sweeney (BH)
9 Ward (M. Cr), D. Brown (SMH), Lowe (Mar), P. O'Connor (B.)
8 Morgan (S.G.), Smith (Mak), Kosmina (SCH), Gomez (SCH), Zinni (B.J.)
7 Lujic (JUST)
6 Super, Kalantzis (SO), Slater (S.G.), Giampaolo (IM), Spink, Cole (Mak), Easthorpe (P.), Reis (B.C.), Villani (ACJ), Tasios (H.B.), Gray (Mar), Jurin, Dragicevic (S. Cr), Brindik (W.)
5 Jankovic (Mar) (H.B.)

Top vote-getters:
75 Honeyman (WAH)
63 Gomez (SCH)
61 Nyskowski (ACJ)
60 Rotic (S. Cr)
59 Egan (SMH)
57 A. Hunter (BL)
56 Yankos (H.B.)

Final NSL ladders:

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
STH MELB HELLAS	14	5	3	38	20	33				
B'WICK JUVENTUS	11	7	4	33	19	29				
H'BERG ALEXANDER	10	7	5	29	17	27				
MELB CROATIA	9	6	7	29	21	24				
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	9	6	7	30	28	24				
Sun-Geo Cross	8	7	7	25	22	23				
Brisbane Lions	9	4	9	29	29	22				
Green Gully	6	6	10	24	28	18				
Adel C Juventus	6	6	10	29	35	18				
West Adel Hellas	6	5	11	24	37	17				
Brisbane City	6	5	11	25	42	17				
Footscray JUST	5	2	15	25	41	12				

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYD CITY HAKOAH	15	5	2	42	19	35
SYDNEY CROATIA	14	5	3	50	22	33
MARCONI	11	7	2	44	23	29
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	12	3	7	29	25	27
ST GEO BUDAPEST	7	8	7	31	26	22
Canberra Olympians	8	6	8	33	35	22
Inter-Monaro	7	6	9	29	37	20
Blacktown	7	4	11	30	34	18
APIA-Leichhardt	7	2	13	20	34	16
Wollongong	5	6	11	29	48	16
Penrith	4	5	12	24	35	14
Newcastle-Rosebud	4	4	14	20	45	12

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NATIONAL LEAGUE BEST GOALKEEPER AWARD

\$250 TO THE WINNER

Final order of leaders:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 38. Franken (Can), Hoare (B) | 23. Wishart (BC) |
| 31. Hocking (IM), Oliver (H'b) | 21. Denys (NR) |
| 29. Greedy (St G) | 17. Denys (GG), Evans (BL) |
| 28. Gibson (P), Runje (M. Cr) | 16. Crook (WAH), McNally (ACJ), Meier (SO) |
| 26. Kastner (SGC), Traianedes (Mak) | |



• Hoare • Franken

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- Leaders:**
18. Egan (SMH)
11. Latif (SGC), Price (WAH), Stevenson (H'b)
10. Lewis (GG), Sweeney (BH)
9. Ward (M. Cr), D. Brown (SMH)
8. Smith (Mak), Zinni (B.J.)
7. Lujic (JUST)
6. Spink, Cole (Mak), Reis (BC), Villani (ACJ), Tasios (H'b)
5. J. Stewart (BL), Petersen (BJ), Maxwell (ACJ)
4. Mitten (SGC), Belic (JUST), Lane (Mak), Lucchesi (GG), Anderson (BL), House, Ljubic (M. Cr), Crino (SMH), Cullen (BJ), Hamilton (BC), Northcote (ACJ)

Sunicrust

NSL UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD
\$500 to the winner

Final order of leaders:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 57. A. Hunter (BL) | 29. Tapi (JUST) |
| 49. Bundalo (W) | 28. Runje (M. Cr) |
| 48. Slater (St G) | 26. Traianedes (Mak) |
| 44. Maxwell (ACJ) | 24. Kalantzis (SO) |
| 38. Franken (Can), Dickson (W) | 23. Owens (NR) |
| 36. Farina (SCH) | 22. Postecoglou (SMH) |
| 35. R. Stewart (BL) | 19. Karic (JUST) |
| 31. Koczka (St G) | 18. Colagiuri (APIA), Tasios (H'b), Lamond (Can) |
| 30. Gojevic (M. Cr) | 16. Hiern (WAH), Wright (BL), Vlietstra (W) |

YOUTH LEAGUES

Victorian Youth League results: Footscray 2, Sunshine G.K. 5, Green Gully 0, Preston 1, Frankston Pines 3, 5th Melbourne 1, Croydon City 0, B.U. Juventus 3, Melb. Croatia 2, Nunawading City 1, Heidelberg Utd 8, Fawkner 0.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 (Egan 23rd, 65th and 69th) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 1200. Ratings by Alan Crisp:

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7 — Matiscsak 8, Mousoulis 6, Honeyman 8, Scott 7 — Stamatopoulos 5 (Keramidis 60th), Manous 6, Genikas 7, Papadopoulos 7 — Stefanopoulos 8, Price 7. Coach: Neil McGachey.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 7, Blair 8, Zyzendorn 7, Mibos 6, Bojanovski 7, Halford 7, McDowell 8, Murphy 7 — Egan 8, Vardakis 6. Coach: Len McKendry.

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| 54. Bryant (Can) | 39. Lucchesi (GG), Stevenson (H'b) |
| 46. Bundalo (W) | 38. Budini (IM), Biskic, McIntosh (M. Cr), Franken (Can), E. Campbell (B.J.), Wade (B.J.), Dickson (W) |
| 45. Crino (SMH) | 37. Faulkner (SGC), Patikas (S. Cr), Wheatley (B) |
| 44. Ratcliffe (St G), Maxwell (ACJ), Mason (Mar) | 36. Farina (SCH) |
| 41. J. Stewart (BL), Hamilton (BC) | |
| 40. R. Brown (Mar), Bertogna (APIA) | |

Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

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| ROGERS (1)
(Syd Olympic) | BUDINI (1)
(Inter Monaro) | ROBERTSON (2)
(Syd. C. Hakoah) | MENGOTTI (1)
(Brisb. City) |
| FAULKNER (1)
(Gee. Cross) | MCDOWELL (4)
(SM-Hellas) | OGDEN (1)
(Brisb. Lions) | |
| FARINA (3)
(Syd. C. Hakoah) | LUCCHESI (3)
(Green Gully) | GODZIK (2)
(Wollongong) | |

SOUTHERN DIVISION

GREEN GULLY 1 (Williams 3rd) MAKEDONIA 1 (Heys 86th) at Gully Reserve. Crowd: 2000. Ratings by Les Shorrocks:

GREEN GULLY: Denys 6 — Young 7, McLelland 7, Cannell 5, Hogben 7 — Cumming 8, Vassallo 5, Smallman 4, Williams 7 — Lucchesi 8, Campbell 7. Coach: Steve Short.

MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 7 — McMillan 7, Piculovski 4, Dunn 6, Hays 7 — Flavell 5 (Petrovski HT 5), Petrov 6, Ilkosi 5, Opatinac 6 — Lane 7, Cole 4 (Gagic 84th), Coach: Bill Murray.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Lucchesi (G.G.), 5. Cumming (Jg.G.), 4. Hogben (G.G.), 3. Heys (M.), 2. Young (G.G.), 1. Lane (M).

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Antolovic penalty 39th, penalty 83rd) BRISBANE LIONS 3 (Redmond 10th, A. Hunter 34th, J. Stewart 90th) at Olympic Park No. 1. Crowd: about 500. Ratings by Craig Mackenzie:

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Govic (inj. Curovic 34th), 6 — Desankovic 6 (inj. House 72nd), Antolovic 6, McIntosh 7, Curcio 7 — Biskic 6, Cristofalo 6, Campbell 6, Gojevic 6 — Ward 6, Lujic 6. Coach: Dom Kapetanovic.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans 6 — Hunter 7, A. Hunter 7, Redmond 7, Niven 7 — Jackson 7 (inj. Daunt H.T. 5), McClurg 7, Ogden 8 — Anderson 9, J. Stewart 7, Wright 6. Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Ogden (Lions), 5. Anderson (Lions), 4. A. Hunter (Lions), 3. Niven (Lions), 2. McIntosh (Croatia), 1. J. Stewart (Lions).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 (Egan 23rd, 65th and 69th) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 1200. Ratings by Alan Crisp:

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7 — Matiscsak 8, Mousoulis 6, Honeyman 8, Scott 7 — Stamatopoulos 5 (Keramidis 60th), Manous 6, Genikas 7, Papadopoulos 7 — Stefanopoulos 8, Price 7. Coach: Neil McGachey.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 7, Blair 8, Zyzendorn 7, Mibos 6, Bojanovski 7, Halford 7, McDowell 8, Murphy 7 — Egan 8, Vardakis 6. Coach: Len McKendry.

NORTHERN DIVISION

MONARO 1 (Budini 50th) ST GEORGE (Barton 72nd) at Seifert Oval. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

MONARO: Hakoah 6 — Tulawa 6, Budini 9, Santolin 6, Gagetti 9, Willox 6, Tiliak 8, Carbone 7 — Walsh 6, Giampaolo 7, Brennan 7. Coach: Frank Maccarone.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 6 — Skeen 6, Michael O'Shea 6, Ratcliffe 7, Robert O'Shea 7 — Ricoy 7, John O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 7, Stone 7, Bozanic 6 (Barton 59th), 7 — Cotton 7, Slater 7. Coach: Frank Arok.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Lucchesi (G.G.), 5. Cumming (G.G.), 4. Hogben (G.G.), 3. Heys (M.), 2. Young (G.G.), 1. Lane (M).

PENRITH 4 (Easthorpe 50th, 58th & 84th, Campbell 51st) NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD 1 (Stewart 24th) at Cook Park. Crowd: 566. Ratings by Brad Earl:

PENRITH: Gibson 6 — Brogan 6, Ainsworth 7, Hebb 6, Cross 6 — Hunter 7 (Wortherpoon 65th), Campbell 6, Jackson 7 — Easthorpe 8, Jones 6 (Toohy 78th), Licata 7. Coach: Arthur Townsend.

NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD: Gosling 6 — Maier 6, D. Jones 5, Boogaard 6, Thompson 6 — Senkalski 7, McQuarrie 7, Naumov 5 (Todd 65th) — Brandt 5, Milosevic 7. Coach: Willie Gallagher.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Campbell (P.), 5. Easthorpe (P.), 4. Senkalski (NR), 3. Stewart (NR), 2. Jackson (P.), 1. McQuarrie (NR).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 4 (Farina 10th, 61st, 63rd, Mitchell 46th) CANBERRA OLYMPIANS 2 (Burke 10th, Perinovic 83rd) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 2200. Ratings by Peter Scott:

HAKOAH: Pezzano 5 — Cant 6, O'Connor 8, Robertson 9, De Marigny 8 — Gomez 8 (P. Falconer 84th), Watson 7, Barnes 7 — Farina 9, Mitchell 8 (Fletcher 70th), Lee 8. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

CANBERRA: Franken 5 — Mihailidis 6, Harkins 5, Burke 6, Bryant 5 — Dunn 5 (Perinovic 65th), Sermanni 6, Byrne 6 — Gibson 6, Lamond 7, Engleb 6. Coach: Roy Thomson.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Farina, 5. Robertson, 4. Gomez, 3. Mitchell, 2. Lee, 1. O'Connor (all Hakoah).

2 (Jankovic 14th, 89th) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2856. Ratings by Alan Vasic:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7 — Rogers 8, Ziras 7, Stankovic 7 (sent off 70th), Jennings 8 — Raskopoulos 7, Katholos 7, Johnstone 7 — Soper 7 (Svinos 61st), Polias 6 (Lambropoulos 76th), Ogun 7. Coach: Manfred Schafer.

MARCONI: McPherson 6 — Carter 7, Henderson 7, Calderan 7, Rizzotto 7 — Mason 6, Sterry 6, Thomas 6, Maxwell 6, Brown 5, Brown 5 (Costanza 8th), Villani 6, Vidmar 6. Coach: Edmund Kref.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Rogers (SO), 5. Jennings (SO), 4. Jankovic (M), 3. Carter (M), 2. Ziras (SO), 1. Henderson (M).

SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Patikas 23rd, 26th pen, Rezo 63rd) APIA LEICHHARDT 0 at the Croston Sports Centre. Ratings by Roger Sherrack:

CROATIA: Watson 7 — M. Kovacic 7, Rotic 8, Basic 8, Rezo 7 — Clinch 7, Jurin 6 (Dragicevic 46th), 6, Savor 6, Odsakov 7 (Tomasic 56th), 6 — Arnold 6, Patikas 7. Coach: Vedran Rotic.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Catlin 6 — G. Sterray 6, Bertogna 8, Rowden 5 (Mariani 46th), 7, Brown 7 — Steven 5, Hamilton 6 (Colagiuri 66th), McCulloch 6 — Cabian 5, Douris 5, Morello 5. Coach: Fil Battalico.

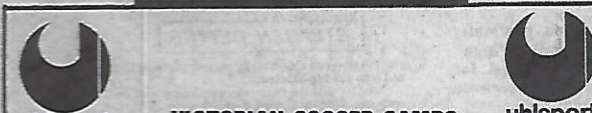
Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Basic (C), 5. Rotic (C), 4. Bertogna (A), 3. Patikas (C), 2. M. Kovacic (C), 1. Brown (A).

WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Godzik 36th, Brodnik 29th, 84th) BLACKTOWN CITY 0 at Wollongong Showground. Ratings by Joe Major:

WOLLONGONG CITY: Billington 7 — Grant 7, Vlietstra 8, Willis 7, Gaffney 7 — Stefanovski 7, Marton 8, Kotamandis 7, Dickson 8 — Godzik 8 (Giannone 85th), Brodnik 7. Coach: Adrian Alston.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 6 — Thornthwaite 6, Wheatley 7, Pointer 7, Spanos 6 — Bourke 5 (Larkin 75th), Knight 8, McKie 6, Salvago 6 — Bradley 7, O'Connor 7. Coach: Casey De Bruin.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Godzik (W), 5. Marton (W), 4. Knight



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Geo Cross 3 Foots JUST 0

Scorers: Latif 4th & 89th,
Mitten pen 71st
Venue: Schindler Reserve.
Crowd: about 800.
Referee: Jim Fearn 8.
Sent off: Kyriakoulas 66th.
Cautions: Kyriakoulas,
Macleod, Taylor.



Laurie Schwab

Man of
the match:
JEFF FAULKNER
(S Geo Cross)

card. Seconds later, they
clashed again.

George Cross needed another
goal and looked set to get it
when Kyriakoulas slipped,
allowing Glider to find Latif
with an accurate pass, but
Latif's angled drive sailed
over the bar.

Only seconds after the interval,
Latif galloped down the
right and crossed to Mitten at
the far post but goalkeeper Tu-
rudia denied Mitten with an
uncanny save.

J.U.S.T. had yet another un-
challenged header. This time
it was Vlatko Belic with a
chance, after a free kick from
Karic, but Belic's attempt was
not hard enough and straight
as Kastner.

At the other end, Latif
headed too high after a free
kick from Mitten. J.U.S.T. re-
plied with Lucic hitting the
side netting after a run into the
box.

After the 12-minute hold-up
during which Istuk was attend-
ed to, George Cross resumed
with Lennon in Istuk's place.

Latif sped away in the 70th
minute of play and had an
open road to goal, but some-
how lost control of the ball and
had to stop, wasting valuable
time. The move ended with a
shot over the bar.

A minute later, Glider made
his way into the box, where he
was brought down by Rade
Barjakarevic. Mitten conver-
ted the penalty, and George
Cross looked well on the way
into the finals, since it had
been announced that Green
Gully was leading Makedonia
1-0 at St Albans.

Latif bore down for what ap-
peared goal No 3 but Turudia
repelled the shot two-footed.
Mitten launched a second
attack and when he went to
ground in a challenge by
Karic, he demanded a penalty
— to no avail.



Ivan Istuk

It was all action now. In
fact, this was one of the most
exciting clashes of the season.

Glider headed down for
Latif, running onto the ball,
but Turudia pounced on it.
Latif broke through the
middle, past Macleod, played
it wide to Mitten and Turudia
made yet another brilliant
save.

But then Turudia missed a
corner from Roger Bain, and
Glider calmly side-footed the
ball into the net. No goal, said
referee Fearn. There had been
an infringement.

J.U.S.T. wasn't at all wor-
ried about defending now.
There were gaps all over the
place.

Latif beat an opponent on his
way to goal and hit the post.
The ball bounced out to Glider
who hit the other post!

But finally came goal No 3
— in the very last minute of
play.

Mitten and Jeff Faulkner —
who had been tireless in mid-
field — engineered a short free
kick, followed by Faulkner
taking the ball to the by-line
and cutting it square for Latif
to head past Turudia.

Then came the dis-
heartening news from St
Albans — Makedonia had
drawn with Green Gully.
George Cross, despite its best
efforts, had failed to qualify
for the finals.

Randell's effort to no avail?

Man of
the match:
DON CAMPBELL
(Penrith)

Penrith 4 N. Rosebud 1

Scorers: Stewart (NR) 24th;
Easthorpe 51th, 58th & 64th;
Campbell 51st (P).
Venue: Cook Park
CROWD: 566
Referee: Gary Power 8.

A hat-trick by teenage
striker Randall Easthorpe
failed to save Penrith City
from relegation when it
beat Newcastle Rosebud
4-1.

Penrith went into the match
needing a victory to have any
hope of avoiding relegation,
but also had to rely upon Wel-
lington City losing.
However, Wollongong beat
Blacktown City 3-0, leaving
Penrith as the lowest placed
club under the jurisdiction of
the NSW federation. But the
club has not yet conceded
defeat in its desperate battle
for survival in Australia's pre-
mier soccer competition.

Penrith is threatening fur-
ther action over the eligibility
of Sydney Olympic player
Marshall Soper in the match
in which Penrith lost 1-0 to Olym-
pic last month. (see story page
one)

Penrith fought back against
Newcastle from a one goal
deficit at half time with a
gutsy, determined effort.

The visitors had taken the
lead in the 24th minute when
young striker Darren Stewart
kicked the ball into the net
after Penrith goalkeeper Mike
Gibson spilled a free kick from
Newcastle striker Joe Sen-
kalski.

Penrith grabbed the equal-
iser five minutes after half-
time when Easthorpe scored
after winning the ball under
pressure and angling it into
goal.

A minute later, Penrith
went ahead with a powerful
headed goal by tall midfielder
Don Campbell.

Campbell cut his eye in the
challenge and had to leave the
field but returned five minutes
later with his head swathed in
bandages.

Penrith went further ahead
in the 58th minute when East-
horpe latched on to the ball six
metres from goal and volleyed
it into the net.

His third and Penrith's
fourth goal came in the 64th
minute when substitute mid-
fielder Ian Wooterspoon
crossed the ball into the goal-
mouth for the young striker to
head home.

Newcastle coach Willie Gal-
lagher said that his team's
performance was very poor in
the second half.

"You can't give away what
we gave today and expect to
win matches," Gallagher said.



• Gary Cole (right) didn't score, so Dave Hogben was
satisfied. Picture: LES SHORROCK

Makedonia's in, thanks to Heys

By LES SHORROCK

Green Gully 1 Makedonia 1

Scorers: 1-0 Williams 3rd,
1-1 Heys 86th.
Venue — Green Gully Re-
serve.

Referee: Chris Bambridge 8
Cautions: Cannell, Camp-
bell, Cumming (G.G.) McMil-
lan, Flavell, Dunn (Mak)

Makedonia came to
Gully Reserve, needing
only one point to make cer-
tain of fifth place in the
finals series, but any illu-
sions it might have had
about that being an easy
task were rudely shattered
three minutes after the
start, when Gully snatched
a shock goal.

The large Macedonian con-
tingent had not had time to
unfur their banners and clear
the throats before poor Phil
Triamades was picking the
ball out of the net, thanks to
a winning volley from Jim Wil-
liams as Green Gully enthu-
siastically set about upsetting
yet another fancied team.

Before the game those "in
the know" were having a great
time forecasting the result,
with the conspiracy theory
getting a great airing.

Some said that Gully would
lie down just to spite Sunshine
George Cross which of course
needed Makedonia to lose.

Others vehemently dis-
agreed. "No, no," they said.
"We have it on good authority
that the players, being on such
good terms with John Gar-
diner (who used to be with
Gully) are determined to win
for his sake!"

But one vociferous fan had
the last word. "I know for
certain," he said confidently,
"the players can't lose. If they
lose the game, Makedonia will
pay them and if they win,
George Cross will pay them!"

And he gave me a knowing
leer and staggered off back to
the bar.

Both teams were under
strength. The hard Cap final
Makedonia had played the
Sunday before left both Ian
Dobson and Steve Smith in-
jured and coach Bill Murray
replaced them with Billy Picu-
lovski and Gordon Flavell.
Dobson, in fact, has torn stomach
muscles and could miss to-
night's (Wednesday's) semi-
final as well.

For Green Gully, Paul
Lewis was suspended, and
Willie Vassallo came in.

After Gully's opening as-
sault had rewarded it with a
goal, the Greens played like
men inspired, with George
Campbell, Claude Lucchesi
and Tommy Cumming running
riot.

It was plain that Dobson's
absence was vital, with Poor
Piculovski having a nightmare
and coach Bill Murray was
soon shuffling players all over

Man of
the match:
CLAUDE LUCCHESI
(Green Gully)

the field in an effort to stop the
riot.

The game got physical too,
and referee Chris Bambridge
handed out three yellow cards
in the first half alone. One
went to Gordon Flavell who
could consider himself lucky
not to have been sent off. Fla-
vell got injured and Bill
Murray replaced him with
Lube Petrovski at half-time.

In the second half Makedonia
set about the task of re-
storing its reputation as a final
time contender with a ven-
geance, spurred on no doubt
by the half-time score from
Footscray where Sunshine
George Cross was leading 1-0.

As Gully lost its momentum,
so the Makedonia challenge
mounted, with the rain fairly
lashing down, and desperate
tackles the order of the day.

Players were going down
like nine-pins, but Bambridge
must have felt that under the
weather conditions a certain
leniency regarding sliding
tackles was permissible and so
he issued only four more
yellow cards in the half.

With Makedonia over-
extended in a desperate effort
to get the equaliser, it was wide
open to the counter-attack, and
on at least three occasions
Gully forwards had chances to
put the issue beyond doubt, but
missed from close range, the
chief culprits being Lucchesi
and Cumming.

Then came the nail-biting
climax, as Makedonia forced a
series of corners, and with
only four minutes left, that
red-headed bundle of energy,
left winger turned full-back,
Graham Heys, somehow rose
above the Gully defence and
put a peach of a header beyond
Denys' reach.

EVERTON'S ANDY KING FOR WOLLONGONG?

Blacktown 0 Wollongong 3

Scorers: Godzik 36th; Brod-
nik 25th & 84th.
Venue: Wollongong Show-
grounds

Wollongong City es-
caped relegation in style,
outclassing Blacktown 3-0
in their Olympic Airways
Soccer League match at
Wollongong Showground.

Needing only a point to be
sure of avoiding the drop, the
Wolves never really looked in
danger.

Man of
the match:
BERNIE GODZIK
(Wollongong)

They dominated proceed-
ings from the start and once
young striker Pat Brodnik had
scored midway through the
first half, Blacktown was
backpedalling.

It was in midfield where
Wollongong dominated, with

Monaro 1 St George 1

Scorers: Budini 50th (M),
Barton 72nd (St G).
Crowd: 749.
Ref: Richard Lorenc (Syd-
ney 7).

Yellow Cards: M O'Shea

Despite a boring, inept
display from both sides,
national coach Frank Ark
could be excused from

believing his 50th substitu-
tion of Vic Bozanic for
Mark Barton as a master
stroke.

It was Barton's 72nd minute
goal that not only snatched a
1-1 draw but also a place for St
George in the top five play
offs, at Canberra's expense.

With just minutes of the
first half remaining, St George
front-runner Robbie Slater
nearly struck and chanced a shot
from fully 30 metres.

Slater struck the ball beau-
tifully and it dipped near goal
and had Monaro's goalkeeper,
Steve Hosowski, beaten. —
only for Slater to hold his head
as he saw the ball smash
against the underside of the
bar and bounce clear.

St George was unlucky 13
minutes into the second half.

For once, a neat piece of at-
tacking play sent striker Roy
Cotton free and when he squeez-
ed in a shot from the left
flank it again had Hosowski
floundering. This time, how-
ever, teenager full-back Joe
Gagetti was in position to
clear off the goal-line. But by
then St George already was a
goal behind and desperate.

Man-of-the-match Ricky
Budini easily beat national
keeper Terry Greedy with a
50th minute free kick.

St George formed the wall,
Budini's ground shot whistled
past it and then beat Greedy's
gloved fingers to squeeze just
inches inside the near post.

St George was on the ropes
— and would have been knock-
ed out hadn't Greedy managed
a fine reflex save to palm a stin-
gling Tony Brennan shot away
from the corner in the 69th minute.

Then up popped Barton for
his opportunistic goal.

It was a movement two
Monaro defenders should have
stopped but Barton was
allowed to move through and
although under challenge from
Hosowski he calmly slotted
the ball chest-high into the
middle of the net.

It then was all over.

Neither side really seemed
to be interested in the
winning although in the
dying minutes Monaro almost
conceded the game in error.
Or, more correctly, centre
back John Santolin did.

Santolin sliced a clearance
away with Hosowski on the
ground the ball rapped the
base of the goalpost.

And that was it for another
season — one, its first in the
NSL, that Monaro can be

veteran Dez Marton spraying
passes around and Dick Stefa-
novski, Scott Dickson and
Peter Kotamandis turning in
top displays.

The Wollongong defence
never gave Blacktown any la-
titude, with Ray Vlietstra and
full back Larry Gaffney out-
standing.

Brodnik's opening goal
came after Marton took a
corner on the right wing.

Blacktown managed to
partly clear the danger but
Bernie Godzik sent the ball
back into the goalmouth and
Brodnik slammed it into the
roof of the net.

After 36 minutes, the Wolves
were in front 2-0 and it was
Godzik who did the damage.

He gave Blacktown goalkeep-
er Barry Hoare no chance
with a great drive from 25
metres.

The closest Blacktown came
to scoring was in the 68th
minute when John Bradley
was just over the top with a
good effort from 30 metres.

Wollongong's third goal was
scored by Brodnik four
minutes from the end after
Blacktown had pushed players
forward.

Wollongong coach Adrian
Alston said he would have im-
mediate talks with the Wollongong
board about his future.

"I am keen to keep the job
but we have to organise our-
selves to sign at least three
new players straight away,"
Alston said.

Alston already has been ne-
gotiating with Everton and
England Under 23 inter-
national Andy King and is con-
fident the player will join Wol-
longong.



Peter Windsor

Man of
the match:
RICKY BUDINI
(Monaro)

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Under 12s best in world?

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they approach the age of 18 or so.

They realise that none of the football codes — and especially not soccer — can give them a lifelong job and career security. Neither can the game give them a pot of gold, enough to start a safe business on retirement.

So they regard soccer as a youthful pastime, a hobby — and either walk away from it at 17 and 18 or reduce their involvement and never fulfil the huge promise they showed earlier.

Australian soccer's history is absolutely littered with the names of such young stars who later failed to make the grade. The fact, look no further than our 1979, 1981 and 1983 World Youth Cup teams from which so many talented boys have vanished.

If professional soccer is hardly likely in Australia, at least we should have tried some other methods of retaining the interest of young players.

Over the years I have suggested several times — without getting any reaction — a sort of scholarship scheme. As young players, at 16-18, have to decide whether to stay in soccer or choose a career, the more progressive clubs should offer them a scholarship plan.

Youngsters should be given the opportunity and financial means of completing a tertiary education course or learning a trade, at the club's expense, while playing soccer.

If, at the end of their terms, they fail to make it in soccer, they have something to fall back on.

This is the furthest, I think, that any plan or scheme can go with "professionalism" in this country.

Full time soccer players and managers would simply wreck the economy of the clubs, probably quicker than they did in the USA where the available capital was counted in millions.

But there is no doubt that something ought to be done to alleviate the enormous wastage in talent, to bridge the gap which seems to exist between us and the world elite at senior level — but not among juniors.

Maybe the ASF should organise a thorough and detailed investigation into the problems of this "generation gap" where all the reasons and not just the few obvious ones could be pinpointed.

Such an exercise would at least tell us why we find it so difficult to become a major power at senior level. At least we would know, even if we couldn't completely rectify the matter.



Peter Scott



South Melbourne Hellas stopper Steve Blair heads clear in front of West Adelaide Hellas striker Gary Price. At left is Westad's Bill Stefanopoulos. Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

Hat-trick for wee Charlie

WA-Hellas 0
SM-Hellas 3

Scorer: Egan 23rd, 65th & 69th.
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 1200.
Referee: Jim Rossie 7.

National League champion South Melbourne Hellas geared for this week's final playoffs with this convincing performance.

The irrepressible Charlie Egan flexed his goalscoring muscles by notching a hat-trick to end the minor round as leading marksman with 18 goals.

South, despite the absence of Doug Brown and Oscar Crino, looked every inch a champion as it answered every vibrant move thrown at it by the enthusiastic young West team.

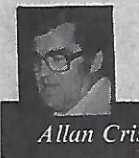
West boss Neil McGachey had to cover for Tim Brown (suspended), and Brenton Heit (flu), but he decided against taking the field himself.

South coach Len McKendry gave George Mihos his first NSL run at left back, while second-half West Adelaide Hellas substitute Jim Keramidias also was blooded in the 61st minute.

Win, lose or draw, Westad is nothing if not entertaining as it probes and prods, refusing to be daunted by reputations.

West would have been better advised, however, to pay we Egan the respect his reputation so richly deserves.

Nick Mousoulis stayed closer than a brother to Egan for the first 20 minutes, but his first moment of relaxation came when he was thrown at it by the team as the lithe striker broke away on a Gary McDowell pass to beat Martyn Crook with a placement.



Allan Crisp

Man of the match:
GARY McDOWELL
(SM-Hellas)

West went close to grabbing the equaliser three times before half time as Les Mastice's drive was deflected for a corner. Gary Price headed narrowly wide and the same player missed the best opportunity of all.

He seized on a poor back-pass from Bobby Russell, to go around Peter Laumens only to have John Yzendoorn clear off the South goal line.

Egan made it 2-0 with another opportunist effort and completed his hat-trick after referee Jim Rossie ruled that Crook had brought him down as he raced into the box.

Crook remonstrated with Rossie, but the penalty stood and Egan thumped the spot kick home.

The thrills continued as first Steve Blair cleared an Alan Scott shot off the South goal line and the same treatment was handed out by Mike Genikas as he prevented Egan from scoring his fourth of the afternoon.

Man of the match:
FRANK FARINA
(SC-Hakoah)

Hakoah 4
Canberra 2

Scorers: Farina 10th, 61st, 63rd, Mitchell 46th (Hakoah), Burke 10th, Perinovic 83rd (Canberra).
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.
Crowd: 1200.
Referee: Harkins (Canberra).

"We will still try to win everything going, but for Hakoah the post is the big one — and always has been."

Those were the sentiments of a jubilant champagne-soaked Eddie Thomson just moments after his Hakoah team finished on top of the NSL ladder — this time the Northern Division variety — for the sixth time in the NSL's nine seasons to date.

And his charges put up a performance worthy of champions, especially in the second half, when scintillating attacking play was also married to three excellent goals.

The biggest impression was created by the forgotten Socorro, Frank Farina, who was in the thick of the action from start to finish to notch a spectacular hat-trick.

And who scored the other one?

Hakoah first for the sixth time

None other than David Mitchell, who just a couple of months ago wasn't even on talking terms with the champions.

Mitchell is still planning to move to Adelaide, but with World Cup ambitions he thought it wise to make peace with Hakoah on his return from Hong Kong.

Until the end of the current season he will be pressing his Socorro claims as part of Hakoah's top five campaign.

Canberra played poorly for a side looking to finish ahead of St George Budapest and in the top five.

Only Manis Lamond and at times Tommy English looked likely to pose any sort of concerted threat.

Farina's 10th minute goal, a 14-metre drive only partially parried by Tony Franken, was cancelled out within the same minute by a Peter Burke header at the other end, which Pezzano in the Hakoah goals should have easily anticipated.

But that was that for the visitors.

There were near misses with diving headers as shots clear off the Canberra line in the first half, followed by David Mitchell scooping past the ball past the hapless Bryan and Franken for a goal from 14 metres just 20 seconds into the second stanza.

Farina's double later on was only icing on Hakoah's championship cake. And y the time Mark Petrunic had scored, the issue was beyond any doubt whatsoever.

Hakoah will now meet the winner of the Croatia v Marconi playoff clash and will prepare for the match with injury worries nagging a couple of its star performers.

John Kosmina still may not be ready for a comeback after his toe injury and to this can be added the cloud hanging over Mitchell, who has a badly bruised tip to show for a clash with Tony Franken last Sunday.



Ken Kontra

Man of the match:
JEFF OLVER
(Heidelberg)

OLVER SAVES 'BERG

Heidelberg 0
AC Juventus 0

Venue: Olympic Village
Crowd: About 1000
Yellow Card: McKie (HA); Mulla, Mullen, Luongo (AC)
Referee: Bernie Upjohn 7

The effects of the three weeks break, due to the international series against Red Star Belgrade, were obvious as both teams made elementary mistakes and looked out of touch, particularly in the first half.

Olver's game progressed, there was a marked improvement in the quality of play, but this improvement was mainly confined to the middle third. Nothing much was created by either team in the attacking third of the ground.

Adelaide City had the best of the few chances, but found Jeff Olver impossible to pass on the day.

Olver foiled Charlie Villani on three occasions in a one-on-one situation and late in the game acrobatically tipped Steve Maxwell's fierce shot over the bar to salvage a point for the home team.

Heidelberg's attempts at goals were mainly confined to long-range shots, either off target or easily dealt with by Willie McNally.

Adelaide City started off much better and created a positive scoring chance in the 10th minute. Steve Maxwell put Charlie Villani through but Jeff Olver, diving at his feet, managed to deflect the ball for a corner with his foot.

In the 36th minute, Bugsy Nyskhus floated a free kick into the goal area.

Olver under pressure punched the ball but as far as Steve Maxwell who blasted the ball towards goal first time.

Olver blocked the shot and from the ensuing scramble, referee Bernie Upjohn picked out a free-kick in favor of Heidelberg which relieved the pressure.

Charlie Yankos came close to breaking the deadlock with two powerful long-range shots.

The first was a 20 metre free kick which just dipped over the crossbar, the second a shot on the run from the same distance well saved by Willie McNally.

Just on half-time Steve Winn put Ian McKie's cross wide of the upright.

The same player missed the target again in the opening 10 minutes of the second-half — first with a shot and then with a header before Charlie Villani's second confrontation with Jeff Olver.

Theo Selemdis miscued his backpass straight to Villani, Olver came off his line to narrow the angle and although Villani managed to put the ball past him, it missed the wicket by inches.

In the 74th minute it was Villani versus Olver again. The Juventus striker broke through the iddle, but the keeper smothered the shot diving at his feet.

Two minutes later, Olver tipped Steve Maxwell's 30 metre pleydrier over the bar to deny Adelaide City the victory, which on the balance of play, it perhaps deserves.

Stankovic sent off, Jankovics ties it

Syd Olympic 2
Marconi 2

Ground: St George Stadium
Crowd: 2856
Referee: Peter Rampley 7
Cautions: Stankovic, Raskopoulos, Katholos (SO) Rizzotto, Brown (M)
Sent off: Stankovic 70th
Scorers: Soper 19th, Johnston 61st, Jankovics 14th, 89th.

Five yellow cards, one red, four goals and a game full of drama and some enthusiastic Olympic support flavored this Italian — Greek derby which never rose to great heights.

Olympic, with the National Cup in its grasp, was looking for a win which would have given the Greek-sponsored side equal third position on the table.

An early chance fell to Peter Katholos who is soon to become a professional with Larissa of Greece.

In fact this was his last outing for Olympic and Coach Manfred Schaefer made sure



Alex Vesic

that Katholos would remember this day by giving him the captain's duty.

With five minutes gone the Olympic sharpshooter broke through to face McPherson but his shot took a deflection due to some desperate defence by Marconi.

Then came a trifecta of Marconi chances, all of which fell to Mark Jankovics.

The first, in the ninth, saw Jankovics inside the area and wide to the left but his left-footer was poor. In the 13th minute Jankovics robbed Andy Stankovic on the half way line, then raced some 35 metres to face Gary Meier before pushing his shot inches wide of the post.

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Man of the match:
MARTYN ROGERS
(Syd Olympic)

Only a minute later Peter Treddinick's through ball saw Jankovics shade Olympic's defence and this time Meier could not do much to stop the ball from going into the net.

Five minutes later it was Marshall Soper's turn to celebrate.

He went past at least two players in a solo run across the penalty area before hitting a 25-metre shot low and just inside the near post.

Jankovics was through in the 27th, beating two Olympic defenders before pushing his shot past Meier but Stankovic was on hand to clear of the line.

A series of incidents saw Stankovic and Brown booked for a short but furious tussle in the middle of the park, then Raskopoulos for a tripping offence and Katholos for a tackle on Carter.

Rizzotto of Marconi and his fellow defender Calderan also went into the book of Mr Rampley while Andy Stankovic saw red card flashed before him after he had brought down Peter Treddinick.

Stuart Johnston, an ex-marconi player, was a happy man in the 60th minute after scoring a fine goal from the edge of the area.

Marconi's players were watching all the other Olympic attackers and paid no attention to Johnston who simply turned and left-footed a powerful shot wide of James.

With 20 minutes remaining and Stankovic sent off, Olympic was left to save the points with only ten men. Alex Lamond's defence and despite a heavy barrage by Marconi the game looked destined to go Olympic's way.

But with only 60 seconds to go Marconi struck.

Tony Henderson swung at the ball from 30 metres and Jankovics stuck a foot out metres from the line to deceive Meier and send the ball into the roof of the net.

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By MARK BRIGDEN

Brisb C. 0
BU-Juventus 0

Referee: Bill Montavardo.
Despite a satisfactory result against the second-

placed team, Brisbane City ended the season by dismissing its coach Jim Hermiston.

Club President, John Ciavarella made the announcement after the match — despite promises earlier in the year that Hermiston would be in charge for the next three years.

Ciavarella said, "We are not happy with the result we have been getting and the position has been declared vacant for next season."

The Scotsman took over in June following the sacking of Tony Lowndes.

The game itself never reached any climax as Juventus did not want to take any risks and City failed to capitalise on the chances they created.

Brisbane City started off positively though when a 30 metre drive by Andrew Chapman forced Banovic to stretch in the fourth minute.

One minute later Peter Carey had an excellent chance after rounding Banovic but Eddie Campbell recovered and got his tackle in before Carey could shoot.

Juventus appeared very tentative in the opening period and allowed the City midfield to dominate the first half.

John Margaritis later put this down to the slippery pitch not favoring his skilful players and the team wishing to avoid injury with the semi-finals approaching.

The second half produced a more aggressive display from Juventus and both teams created more goal-scoring chances.

Fabio Incantalupo had chances in the 50th and 60th minutes but could not find a way past Kim Wishart — while

Man of the match:
FRANK MENGOTTI
(Brisbane City)

Steve Glockner twice got into goal-scoring positions but failed to convert.

His first chance fell in the 64th minute when Pimblett's cross found him unmarked at the edge of the six yard box but Glockner's shot was pushed on to the post by Banovic and scrambled clear.

Four minutes later his low drive from 20 metres beat Banovic but rebounded off the same post much to Glockner's dismay.

Despite constant pressure in the last five minutes Brunswick Juventus were unable to score.

However, Margaritis was not perturbed by this.

"Brisbane City gave us a hard game which is a good hintout for the finals," he said.

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Syd. Croatia 3

APIA 0

Scorers: Patikas 23rd, 26th pen, Rezo 63rd
Venue: Croatian Sports Centre

Sydney Croatia was not extended beyond a dawdle in its run-up to the semi-finals with a classy 3-1 win over APIA Leichhardt.

The win was full of authority and indicated Croatia was ready to challenge for the Northern Division title.

APIA was unable to come to

Man of the match:
TOM BASIC
(Syd. Croatia)

terms with Croatia's aggressive style

Croatia could have led by three goals before international striker Jim Patikas scored in the 23rd minute

Following a succession of corners, Croatia finally made

the break-through when midfielder Zeljko Jurin curled a cross to Socceroo Graham Arnold, who back-heeled Patikas into the clear and the former Sydney Olympic striker buried his drive into the net.

Patikas grabbed his 16th goal of the year three minutes later when he was brought down in the area by APIA defender Glen Sterrey and duly converted the spot kick.

Croatia crowned its victory with a fine goal 16 minutes into the second half.

Midfielder Shane Clinch

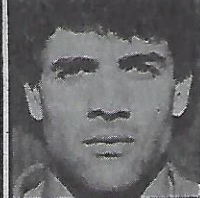


worked a one-two on the edge of the area with David Rezo who finished off the move with a scintillating volley.

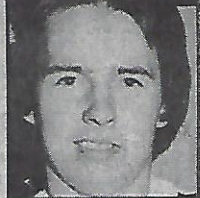
Croatia controlled the remainder of the game but the players obviously were disappointed to hear the Sydney City Hakoah winning result.

"It's up to us now to win our way through to the finals," said coach Vedran Rozic.

"We start with the semi-final against Marconi and by then we will be very much prepared to meet Hakoah."



Theo Selemidis



Rob Cullen

Petrovski in, Gray back

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Some will recover in time for tonight's game, but Ljube Petrovski almost certainly will be in the starting line-up and George Gagic is a strong possibility. A few youth team players will be promoted to make up the numbers.

Robbie Cullen did not play for Juventus in the scoreless draw with Brisbane City on Sunday. Whether he returns remains to be seen but Juventus can take heart from the form of goalkeeper Yakkia Banovic.

Heidelberg has switched Theo Selemidis back into midfield, and Steve Winn back into attack and with no injury worries, will go into tonight's clash with Juventus as the dark horse for the championship, due to its strong defence which includes internationals Charlie Yankos and Jeff Oliver.

Similarly, Marconi looks good in the North, due to the return of Ian Gray after suspension. It means Lee Sterry probably will drop out.

Sydney Croatia, Marconi's opponent, has an injury worry over Zarko Odzakovic who was replaced last Sunday. Bruno Vidalic however, may return to the defence, and Emil Dragicevic probably will come off the bench.

Katholos has left to join Larissa in Greece, Andy Stankovic is suspended, and Chris Kallantzis is in the USSR. That means Alex Lambropoulos comes into Olympic's defence and Arthur Svinos probably will replace Katholos. With Chris Polias also in the team, Olympic will play with three reserves.

St George Budapest therefore has a good chance of advancing into Sunday's double-header. Rob O'Shea is back after missing most of the

season due to complications with the leg he broke last year. He was brought along slowly in the youth team and showed no ill effects after the 1:1 draw with Inter Monaro last Sunday.

To the editor

SIR — Congratulations to Sunbury United on the excellent double-page spread in last week's "Soccer Action". Could I be permitted, however, to claim that coach, Mike Lynn, made an omission in his statement that "most of the teams in Division One, apart from Sunbury and Caulfield have very experienced players".

At Nunawading City we have only two players who had played at Division One level prior to our promotion last year. Most of our players are products of our junior teams and are testament to the youth policy that applies at Nunawading.

For example, nine of the players used against Moreland came through our junior ranks and five are current members of our national youth league team. We are the only club outside the national 16 state leagues to run a team in the Victorian section of the national youth league and our future is very much in the hands of our youth policy.

We would certainly agree with Sunbury's statement that good facilities are a pre-requisite for a good club. We have spent \$25,000 of our own funds (cash and loan) in the past 15 months improving our facilities at Mahonys Reserve. We are not sitting back waiting for charity from a local council.

A new dressing room complex is our next project and then we would be truly ready for State League. It's a pity that some other clubs do not take a similar view. They seem only too happy to spend money on player payments and transfer fees but reluctant to commit funds for ground and facilities. In the years to come the successful clubs will be those who have prepared for success. Nunawading City intends to be one of those clubs.

B. DARNELL
publicity officer,
Nunawading City

M. Croatia 2 Bris. Lions 3

Scorers: Antolovic penalty 39th, penalty 83rd (MC); Redmond 10th, A. Hunter 34th, J. Stewart 90th (Lions).

Venue: Olympic Park No.1
Crowd: about 500
Caution: Curcio (MC).
Referee: Sam Zoumas.

Two penalties given, one not; three goalkeepers used by Croatia with two carried off; the winning goal coming in the 90th minute; talk that George Hannah could line-up in goal tonight (Wednesday) for Croatia and striker Robert Markovic running laps of Olympic Park at the end of this 3-2 loss to Lions.

Where do I begin? Let's start with the goalkeepers. Mirko Runje of course is overseas with the Australian youth team. Zeljko Govic, amid claims that he was kicked for Lions' opening goal, had to be carried off in the 34th minute with no substitute goalkeeper available. Drago Deankovic went into goal and from his first touch enabled Lions to make it 2-0 and in the second half was concussed and had to go off. So it was the turn of young Victor Cristaldo to go into goal.

And the penalties? Croatia levelled from the two given. They were taken by Jozo Antolovic, the first in the 39th

minute, sending Wayne Evans the wrong way, and the second, in the 83rd minute which Evans just failed to get a hand to.

The penalty that wasn't given came in the 89th minute, a minute before the winning goal. Josip Biskic put Gary Ward through. Ward knocked the ball past Evans who dived down and used his arms to trip Ward. Play was waved on.

The winner came from a short free kick which gave John Stewart the ball and his firm, low shot was deflected past Cristaldo into the bottom near corner.

After the match, Croatia coach Dom Kapetanovic supervised a training session for Markovic who is in with a big chance of playing in tonight's finals clash with Preston Makedonia.

with Govic out. He's got suspected broken ribs. Kapetanovic is toying with the idea of using defender Hannah in goal. Hannah was sick and missed the Lions match.

The obvious inclusion is that of 16 year old youth goalkeeper Ante Kolcic but Kapetanovic is worried that the occasion may overawe the lad. Kapetanovic probably made a decision between Hannah and Kolcic at last night's (Tuesday's) final training session before the Makedonia clash, but we were unable to bring it to you.

Lions should have scored after 15 seconds. John Stewart got free but delayed when he



Craig Mackenzie

had a great shooting chance. He was tackled and the chance was lost.

In the 9th minute, Peter McClurg played a superb ball to John Stewart who didn't delay this time. But he passed up another great shooting chance and chipped the ball to the far post but Croatia cleared.

A minute later, Lions led 1-0. Clark Anderson, what a good little player this guy is, swung over a corner to the near post. Govic came, got both hands to the ball, but lost it under pressure. Twice Lions had close range digs at goal blocked from the ensuing scramble but Croatia couldn't do it a third time as sweeper Tony Redmond whacked the ball into the roof of the net from four metres.

Lions were turning it on early. In the 21st minute they strung together a superb move. It started with a gem of a ball by Redmond, fully 50 metres, who picked out Anderson free and wide on the right. He knocked the ball inside to Steve Jackson who played it

Man of the match:
JOHN OGDEN
(Bris. Lions)

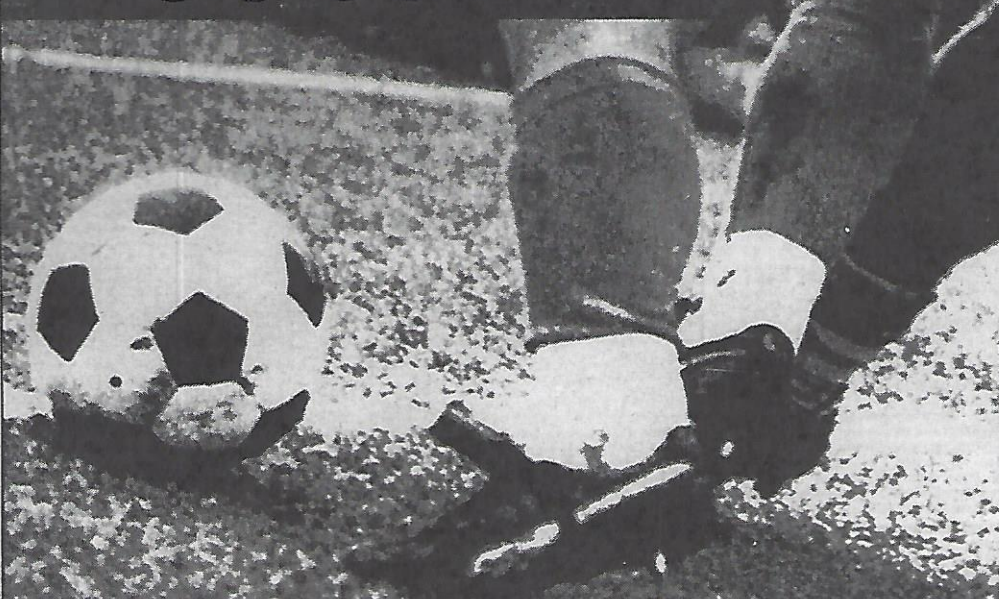
forward to John Ogden inside the area. Ogden was forced wide and when he tried to cut the ball back only could send it into Govic's arms but the move clearly indicated that Lions were capable of breaking down Croatia's defence.

A tremendous run by Ogden down the left in the 25th minute ended with his far post cross. There's not much of Anderson yet he was able to out-jump the Croatia defence only to head over.

The woodwork and Govic's reflexes saved Croatia in the 31st minute. McClurg hit a screamer, a first time volley, sending the ball thumping against the post. It rebounded to Jackson who thumped it back toward goal. Govic threw himself down and the ball struck his body and went wide. It was to be Govic's last act here. The game was held up for three minutes while Govic was being treated and finally cleared off. Deankovic took over and when the corner that Govic conceded came over at last, Deankovic palmed it out to Alan Hunter who met it first time and it was 2-0.

In the 39th minute, Steve

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Let's meet the Aussie champs

South Melbourne Hellas begins its quest to become the champion of Australia for the second year running this Sunday at Olympic Park and here are the men who took the club to such dizzy heights last season and a second consecutive top-of-the-table finish in the Southern Division this season:



JOHN YZENDOORN (Defender): Surely he would have played many, many internationals for Australia if not for the infamous taping scandal during the Paul Conteodou era. Good judges still rate him as the best defender at the back in the game in this country. Everything about Yzendoorn the sweeper, smacks of professionalism. He reads play superbly, constantly giving his fellow defenders excellent cover, and as he showed, expect by last year, he's lethal going forward. In the finals series last year, he scored a couple of goals with headers following corner kick situations and another one of his goals, late in normal time against Melbourne Croatia, enabled that match to go into extra time with Hellas running

out a convincing winner in the end. When the Hellas machine is functioning smoothly, Yzendoorn's ability to get forward adds a new dimension to the side's attacking capability.



ANGIE POSTEOGLOU (Defender): Presently overseas with the Australian youth team and will be missed. The word around Hellas last week was that his left back spot could go to George Mihos, signed this year from Northcote for \$2,800. Postecoglou has had a tremendous year but it was his displays against the talented and aggressive Sydney Olympic striker, Marshall Soper, in last year's national championship final matches, that made soccer scribbs sit up and really take notice of this young

man whose future seems assured. He's rangy but quick and loves going forward. He's an excellent player.



OSCAR CRINO (Midfielder): All class and clearly head and shoulders above every other midfielder in Australia. Now an integral part of the senior national team which says a lot for our youth development policy as Crino starred with the national youth team during the World Youth Championship finals in Australia in 1981. A former Brunswick Juventus player, he joined Hellas from Hong Kong club Tung Sing for \$10,000 in 1982. Earlier in his career, he wasn't strong in the physical side of the game but now there's no way that anyone can kick him off the park. Technically, he's superb. His dribbling skills, his ability to kill

the ball quickly, his passing, his free kicks, even his heading, all are of good quality. He's a complete footballer.



MANIS ANEZAKIS (Defender): Just a handful of first team appearances in his credit, nevertheless his defensive qualities have impressed under McKenry's coaching. Has come up through the juniors and is an integral part of the successful Hellas youth team. Tall and strong, he also can go forward and he's a fine competitor.



PETER YARDAXIS (Utility): He's played in defence, in midfield and up front, so his versatility is a matter of record. He's deceptively quick with a great left foot and although his senior experience is minimal, he's got a big future. He's the leading scorer in the Hellas youth team.



GARY McDOWELL (Midfielder/defender): Has been filling

in recently for injured sweeper Yzendoorn and has starred in that role. He's every bit as effective as a stopper or in a central midfield role and his versatility was proven earlier this year when he played wide on the right of the midfield quartet, a position he's not acquainted with. He captained Scottish club Hamilton Academicals before joining Footscray J.U.S.T. in 1983 and he joined Hellas earlier this year. A superb competitor who also is first class technically, he should become an Australian international next year by which time his permanent residency should be through. He's an outstanding all-round footballer.



DOUG BROWN (Forward): One of 10 Australian senior or youth internationals in the Hellas squad, Brown played with Aberdeen in Scotland and English club Sheffield United. He joined Preston Makedonia in 1981 and switched to Hellas in 1983 in a deal which saw Hellas give Makedonia George Campbell (now at Green Gully) and \$2,500. Brown is renowned for his shooting power and in just a handful of seasons, not jumped into the top 10 all-time leading Max scorers list. Strikes the ball as sweetly as anyone in the game and is deadly from set-piece situations. Has won "Soccer Action's" Boral Bricks \$1,000 award as leading NSL scorer for the past two seasons.



VIADO BOZINOVSKI (Midfielder): Former Melbourne star who played many games for Victoria as a junior. His close skills

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JOHN KANE (Defender): Haven't he after springing last season. In matter of confid no doubt the youngster has a real grafter skills to match tablish himself. could have an of Sydney Olympic ature earlier

Just four bosses since '59



• Theo Marmaras



• Sam Pappasavas



• Leo Anezakis



• Jim Diamataris

A measure of the stability which has been the hallmark of South Melbourne Hellas is that since the club was formed through amalgamation in 1959, it has had just four presidents — Theo Marmaras, Sam Pappasavas, Leo Anezakis and current supremo Jim Diamataris.

Hellas' record in Victorian and Australian soccer is superb. It has won seven State League championships in 1962, 1964, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974 and 1976.

It also has won cups galore. It won the Ampol Cup in 1968, 1970, 1976 and 1982; the Bufflo Gold Cup in 1984; the Dockerty Cup in 1974 and 1978; and the Armstrong Cup in 1962 and 1983.

The men who run the club now are: Diamataris, Chris Christou, Chairman; Bill Georgiantis, vice-president; Peter Mitrakas, secretary; George Vasilopoulos, treasurer; George Maragegiolou, president of the juniors; Peter Douris, president of the youth; Stratos Kologeros, youth team manager; Chris Kiriopoulos, assistant secretary; Pierre Pallas, social club president; Don Katsaklidis, ground manager; Manuel Leonidakis, assistant to Pallas; Simon Karas, manager of VIP lounge; Tony Beris, assistant treasurer; Paul Castan, general committee; and Nick Kamberopoulos, general committee.

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president Jim Diamataris and he should know. He
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-known and he also is one of the most important
the National League.
says that the NBL format will be changed you can
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f support he has for a 14-team league.
of the Sydney clubs will vote with us, so I'm con-
-sistent format will be changed later this year," said
is in the first of a two-year reign as Hellas presi-

is with Australian soccer revolve around the way
with each other — the ASF, the states and the
in England, there is just one body governing the
I have too many different groups all pushing and
her out of the way to further their own interests. If
together then perhaps we could have super leagues
play-off at the end of the year but that won't
be present set-up."

so has a message for the ASF — run your own
arrangements.

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makes money then it can put it straight back into

he's crowds have been down this year, Diamataris
ried. "Everyone's in the same boat," he says then
ill break even by the end of the year thanks to the
e hard work of the committee in organising fund

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The problem of dwindling crowds is just as puzzling to Diamataris
as it is to other club bosses.

"What do we have to do? We've got a champion team but the
people don't come to the games. I can't work that one out."

So would a 14-team league help to partially solve the problem?
"Perhaps. I'm convinced that a lot of supporters want to see the
big name players. I'm not saying that the players who play against
us now aren't any good, not at all, but people tend to go for players
with big reputations. They want to see a John Kosmina, a Marshall
Soper or a Peter Kothelos playing in Melbourne regularly."

Diamataris runs a seafood business, PK Fishers Island Pty Ltd,
exporting as well as catering for the local market. It's a time con-
suming concern and involves a lot of travelling but he's been able to
devote time to the Hellas presidency and is very pleased with the
support he's received from his fellow committeemen.

"The committee this year has been superb, in fact I think we've
got the best committee that Hellas has had for quite some time.
There were times in the past when the committee was divided on
certain issues. Not now. We run things in a democratic way and I'll
be more than happy to be president next year."

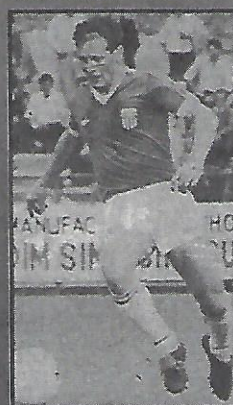
"Actually, in a way I guess being president this year was more or
less thrust upon me after Leo (Anzakis) resigned. There weren't
too many people ready to be president."

Things have been running smoothly on the field this year with
the club again finishing on top of the Southern Division ladder as
has the youth team. Both sides look set to mount another strong
claim for the national championship.

"We've been very happy with our coach, Len McKendry, and
with our players. Team performance at both senior and youth level
can't be faulted and the spirit among the players is great."

"I've got a special interest in the youth team because these boys
are my insurance against having to buy players in the future. Sure,
we might lose a few of them in time but those that have tasted
senior National League soccer will stay because they know that
they can develop into fine senior players for Hellas."

are first rate. He's got tre-
mendous stamina, is a fierce
tackler whose ball winning ability
is vital to Hellas, and has the
pace and confidence to run at de-
fenders out wide. He played with
Dundee in Scotland before joining
Melbourne Croatia in the 1970s.



CARL HALFORD (Midfielder): Say what you like about
Tommy Docherty's stay at Hellas
but never forget that it was Doch-
erty who signed Halford from
Frankston City for \$5,000 in 1982.
And what a signing he's proved to
be. A former Manchester City ap-
prentice, Halford is the work-
horse of the side. His boundless
energy carries him to every
corner of the park, his disposal is
good, and his competitive atti-
tude is first class. He's definitely
one of the hardest working mid-
fielders in Australian soccer.
He's also got a powerful shot and
has scored some vital goals for
Hellas.



PHIL LAUMETS (Goalkeeper): Signed from Preston Man-
doo in 1975 for \$15,000, there's
no harder trainer in Australian
soccer. He has outstanding ath-
letic ability and over the past two
years has shown a keen succe-
ssion, often acting as a second
striker, charging out of his area
to clear whenever the defence has
packed up and opposition teams
try to play balls over the top. He
has made two successful appear-
ances and most judges in Victo-
ria agree that he should
have made many more. Laumets
has been an ever-present for a
few seasons now and there's
plenty of soccer left in him so if
he plays at Hellas he'll command
the number one goalkeeper spot
for quite a while.



BOBBY RUSSELL (Defender): Signed from Adelaide City
in 1982 for \$15,000. Has played as
right back, stopper and in mid-
field for Hellas but when coach
Len McKendry puts his best 11 on
the park, Russell lines up at right
back and indeed, has a mortgage
on that spot. He's a fierce tackler
and he goes forward well which
gives Hellas great drive down
that side. He's also a ferocious
competitor, respected by team
mates and opponents alike and in
terms of consistency at least,
has no peers as a right back in
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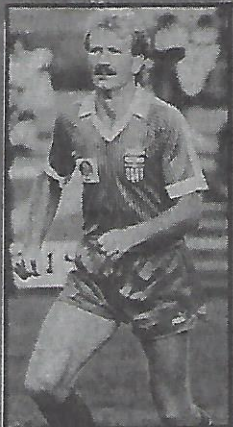
STEVE BLAIR (Defender):
Signed from Victorian State
League club Albion Rovers for
\$2,000 in 1980. What a steal! He's
unbeatable in the air and when
he's not defending, poses a tre-
mendous threat to opposition
sides from set-piece situations up
front. He's an Australian youth
and senior international, having
made 10 senior appearances.
There was a great deal of specu-
lation late last year that he was
about to join Scottish club Hearts
but that move fell through. He's a
proven performer at the highest

club level in the land and has been
a regular at Hellas for the past
few years. There's no doubt that
he's one of the finest central de-
fenders in Australian soccer.



CHARLIE EGAN (Forward):
Bought from Frankston City in
1982 for \$5,000. Victorian Roth-
mans Medal winner in 1981, his
first season in Australian soccer.
His Australian international
career came to a sudden end ear-
lier this year when he announced
in "Soccer Action" that he was
quitting the Socceroos and he was
scathing in his criticism of the
way the national team was run. A

prolific scorer and there's no
sharper player in the game here.
He's always buzzing about the op-
position penalty area and his
understanding with Brown has
given Hellas the most potent stri-
king partnership in Australia for
the past two seasons. Truly, one of
the stars of Australian soccer.



KEN MURPHY (Midfielder):
Now an established senior Socce-
roo, who joined Hellas in 1983
from Melbourne Croatia for
\$20,000. One of the finest left
sided midfielders in the game, his
attacking and defensive qualities



GEORGE KALOGERIS (Mid-
fielder): Has come up through
the Hellas juniors and last season
earned a reputation as a free kick
specialist in the youth team. He's
quick and sharp but there's not a
lot of him, so no doubt he'll work
at building up his strength during
the off-season. He's got abundant
ball skills.

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CARRASSI OUT, BOYLE IN?

Rumor was rife as we went to press that Peter Boyle was set to replace Pepe Carrassi as caretaker coach of Falkner and lead the side in Sunday's big Italian derby against Thomastown at Smith Reserve.

If Boyle takes over then he could bring Colin O'Leary back into the line-up. Quigley was dropped for last weekend's loss to Albion Turk Gucu but scored two goals in the reserves. Boyle also could move Frank Macleod back to sweep and push Fabio Angele into midfield. Macleod has been playing up front for the past two weeks.

The race for the championship is on in earnest now that just one point separates leader Croydon from Morwell Falcons. Croydon faces a danger game on Sunday at Croydon Park against Box Hill and I'm tipping a draw which will allow Falcons to draw level with Croydon if, as expected, the Latrobe Valley side defeats Northcote at John

Cain Reserve on Sunday. Croydon goes into the game against the Hillmen without Jim Tansey and Dave Singleton, both sent off against Falcons last weekend. However, player-coach Peter O'Leary could be back from suspension while Tom Brewerton, Alan Kerr and Gary Bates also are available. They emphasize the depth of Croydon's first team squad and certainly will be needed to combat the competitive Box Hill boys.

Box Hill's striking duo of Andy Humble and Peter Verechia are the obvious dangers to Croydon, but if O'Leary returns to the side alongside Graham French and Dave Brogan, the home team will put Box Hill under the hammer at the back.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Northcote goes into the Falkner match without star midfielder Mark Wilson. He broke his nose against Springvale last weekend and will be operated on tomorrow (Thursday). And Wilson's fellow midfielder, Juan Toro, could be out, suspended. Everything points to a Falcons win.

Frankston Pines, even without suspended striker Ally Dick, should be too strong for depleted Springvale at Monterey Reserve on Saturday. The Vales will be without Jim Nelson, sent off against Northcote, and Neil Garvey, who will be at a business conference in Sydney this week.

Sweeper Keith Adams, having a tremendous season, also could be attending the business conference with Garvey but Springvale coach Boby McLachlan was hopeful

that Adams would be available.

Ringwood Wilhelmina will have midfielder Barry Burton back for Sunday's clash with Knox City, a game vital to the survival hopes of both sides. I'm tipping a Wilhelmina victory at Jubilee Park. Wilhelmina coach Cor Teeuw has been pleased with the efforts of his players in recent games, indeed, it took a soft penalty in the second half to enable Western Suburbs to beat Wilhelmina 2-1 last Sunday.

Knox will be strengthened by the return of player-coach Duncan Smith. He's been troubled by a chipped bone near his ankle but he's determined to play and will be given a cortisone injection before this clash.

Albion Turk Gucu could surprise Polonia by escaping from Sunday's Raleigh Reserve clash with a point while Suburbs should maintain their bid for a top four berth by beating Dinamo at Churchill

Reserve on Saturday.

Albion import Tom Purcell flew back to Scotland last Sunday and there's doubt about him returning. Meanwhile, Albion forward Raji Umri has severed his connections with the club after a dispute with two teammates.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

SATURDAY
St Albans Dinamo v WEST-ERN SUBURBS at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.

FRANKSTON PINES v Springvale City at Monterey Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY
FAWKNER v Thomastown at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.

WILHELMINA v Knox City at Jubilee Park, 3pm.

NORTHCOTE v MORWELL FALCONS at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.

Springvale v Box Hill (draw) at Croydon Park, 3pm.

Polonia v Albion Turk Gucu (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

Nelson spat on

Springvale 0
Northcote 1

Scorer: Toro penalty 88th.
Venue: Ross Reserve.

Springvale City's unbeaten run came to an end in controversial circumstances last Saturday with Springvale striker Jim Nelson being sent off in the 60th minute and Northcote's winning goal coming from the penalty spot in the 88th minute.

Nelson had tangled with Northcote stopper George Bozakis who had fallen to the ground clutching his face. Referee Torben Sorenson consulted a linesman as a Northcote supporter was restrained from running onto the ground. The supporter had jumped the fence and was on the running track. Sorenson turned to Nelson and sent him off. The Northcote supporter returned to the terracing but spat on Nelson as the Springvale striker made his way into the dressing room.

Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan was furious with referee Sorenson's display after the match. His players were just as annoyed. In the 22nd minute, with Springvale desperately trying to grab a last pass equaliser, Sorenson awarded a free kick against Northcote goalkeeper John Giannopoulos for time wasting. Gordon Bentley took the free kick, tapping the ball to Keith Adams who tried to chip it in at the near post but couldn't find a way past Northcote players massing on their goal line.

The winning goal came after Springvale stopper John Luyten pushed Tom Patsakos in the back. Sorenson had no hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot and Juan Toro tucked away his attempt with ease.

Springvale's best chance to score in the first half fell to

Nelson who was at least five metres offside yet the linesman didn't flag. Neil Garvey had slid in and blocked the attempted clearance from a Northcote defender. The ball fell to Nelson who turned around and smacked it against the bar from just outside the area.

The best chance of the match fell to leading Northcote scorer Peter Constantinou in the second half. He burst clear and faced Springvale goalie Perry Murray who well to spread himself and block Constantinou's shot but the Northcote striker should have made much more of the chance.

Constantinou's brother, Jimmy, had beaten Springvale winger Joe D'Amico, hampered in the first half and the Vales struggled to create clear chances on the slippery surface.

Northcote's Mark Wilson, one of the hardest working midfielders in State League, was injured after a clash of heads in the first half. He soldiered on but had to be replaced in the 90th minute by youngster Mark Ardis. Wilson had a nasty gash just above his left eye and a broken nose.

The result continued Northcote's revival. Just a handful of weeks ago, the club was embroiled in the relegation battle but it now has consolidated its State League status and already has its sights set on a leading State League striker and a first class midfielder for 1986.

For Springvale, it was a let down after its stunning 2-1 win over league leader Croydon the previous week. Nevertheless, Springvale players have shown tremendous character over the past eight weeks and have just about ensured that the efforts of the club in rising from Second Division to State League over the last few years won't be wasted. The Vales can look forward to far greater things in 1986.

Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CROYDON CITY.....	14	5	3	41	13	33
M'WELL FALCONS.....	14	4	4	39	17	32
BOX HILL.....	12	6	4	38	27	30
F'NSTON PINES.....	10	6	6	47	32	26
West Suburbs.....	10	5	7	31	29	25
Polonia.....	8	7	7	32	23	23
Northcote.....	8	6	8	33	36	22
Thomastown.....	7	7	8	27	34	21
Fawkner.....	6	7	9	35	31	19
Springvale.....	7	5	10	20	24	19
Wilhelmina.....	5	6	11	22	35	16
St. Albans Dinamo.....	6	3	13	27	45	15
Albion Turk Gucu.....	5	4	13	17	36	14
Knox city.....	4	5	13	14	41	13

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Athersych 62nd)

CROYDON 0 at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 8 — Bingham 8, Bruns 9, Tutill 8, Train 9 — McGorran 7 (O'Callaghan 75th) Maclean 8, Moore 7, Casar 7, Athersych 8, Stron 8, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

CROYDON: Whitehead 7 — Brown 7, Singleton (Sent off 53rd), O'Reilly 8, Tansey 7 (Sent off 85th) — McDonald 7 (Thompson 78th), Taylor 8, Beech 7, Livingstone 7 — French 6, Brogan 6, coach: Peter O'Leary.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Bruns (MF), 2. Train (MF), 1. O'Reilly (Croy).

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 NORTHCOTE 1 (Toro penalty 88th) at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry Murr 7 — Luyten 6, Adams 6, Vogel 7, Bannan 6, Matthews 7, Bentley 7, Fitzpatrick 6, Luca 7 (3rd) — D'Amico 5, Nelson 6 (sent off 60th), Garvey 7, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Kouremenos 6, Cutler 7, Bozakis 7, J. Constantinou 7, Toro 6, Patinoitis 7, Wilson 7 (Antis 90th), Filipos 5, P. Constantinou 7, Reasky 6, Coach: Jimmy Pyrgos.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. J. Constantinou (North), 2. Matthews (Spring), 1. Wilson (North).

ALBION TURK GUCU 2 (Douglas 75th, T. Letti 84th) FAWKNER 1 (Fattori 77th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION TURK GUCU: W. Bryden 7 — Reilly 7, Jovicic 7 (inj), Galea 7 (6th), Gilmore 7, Douglas 8 — Piccione 6, Bennett 7, Eralta 6 — Patsman 6 (inj), Alfonso 80th, Price 6, T. Letti 6, Coach: Tommy Trahan.

FAWKNER: Terzini 4 — Schipano 7, Fattore 7, Angele 7, Hobson 7 — Mancinelli 6, Boyle 6, Di Cecco 8 — Palinkas 4, Macleod 6, Cozzella 6, Coach: Pepe Carrassi.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 32. Douglas (Albion), 2. Di Cecco (Falkner), 1. Reilly (Albion).

KNOX CITY 3 (Phillips 74th, 84th, Underwood 75th) FRANKSTON PINES 5 (Webster 35th, 63rd, 71st, Thomas 55th, penalty 86th) at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 6 — Loy Saisi 6, Murray 6, Tunstall 7, Roddis 7 — Lucio Saisi 4 (Wild 35th 5), Underwood 8, Pate 5 — G. Bakker 4 (Byrne 70th), Phillips 6, Turner 6, Coach: Duncan Smith.

FRANKSTON PINES: Hanssen 6 — Cumming 7, Thurlow 7, Lawrie 7, Cooke 7, Watson 7, Hughes 7, P. Hennessy 6, 1. Roddhouse 6 — Dick 7, Cullen HT 7, Webster 9, Thomas 8, Coach: Danny McMinime.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Webster (FP), 2. Underwood (Knox), 1. Rass (FP).

BOX HILL 2 (A. Humble 38th, Verechia 67th) POLONIA 1 (Auld 10th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: Hill 8, Harrison 8 — McPhee 6, McMillan 5, Davidson 6, A. Rodhouse 7 — Hughes 7, D. Hennessy 6, 1. Roddhouse 6 — Azzi 6, pardi 5 (Keenan 70th), A. Humble 9, Verechia 8, Coach: Tom Newbiggin (caretaker).

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 8 — Liplarski 8, Smolarek 6 (inj), Vojta 6 (5th), Innes 7, Little 8 — Pantalis 6, Gregorczuk 5, Avian 5 — Auld 5, Przybyla 5, Warszewski 5, Coach: Eddie Reid.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. A. Humble (Box Hill), 2. Liplarski (Pol), 1. Verechia (Box Hill).

THOMASTOWN 1 (Flaherty 80th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 0 at Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN: Rapioni 8 — Di Berardino 7, Arcocaci 8, Cosentino 8, Carofra 8 — Dallas 7, B. Boyle 9, Latic 7 — Flaherty 7, Beller 7, Temos (inj), Franceschi 25th 6, Coach: Joe Wilson.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Debellugh 7 — Kunter 7, Ramjak 7, Brkjaic 6, Pozar 7 — Culina 7, M. Bozic 7, Dezic 8, Batonic 7 — Kuna 6, Morovic 6, Coach: Tony Vrzina.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. B. Boyle (TL), 2. Dezic (St A), 1. Brkjaic (St A).

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Tuck 3rd, McGuinness penalty 70th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Storm 25th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Apostolidis 6 — Beattie 8, Dimovski 7, Esposito 7, Howe 6 — Kakantonis 7, Stenson 7, Palmaricic 7 — K. Coyle 6 (Bouzas 80th), Tuck 7, McGuinness 8, Coach: Jimmy Condlis.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kaismas 7 — Haupt 7, Corrie 7, Murray 7, Wemyss 8 — Kebede 8, Shannon 7, M. Baker 7 — Nyholt 6 (Meyer HT 6), Storm 7, Stewart 8, Coach: Cor Teuw.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. McGuinness (WS), Stewart (RW), 1. Beattie (WS).

SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD

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Leading votegetters: (Wilhelmina)
13 — Beech (Croydon), Boyle (Fawkner), Cooke (Pines), Burton (Wilhelmina),
13 — Adams (Springvale)
22 — Hughes (Box Hill),
Cuina (Dinamo),
McGuinness (Suburbs)
19 — Bissinger (Know)
18 — Livingstone (Croydon)
17 — MacLean (Morwell)
16 — Gibson (Polonia)
14 — Wilson (Northcote),
Esposito (Suburbs), Haupt
(2) — Douglas (Albion),
Patinotis (Northcote), Di-
movski (Suburbs)
11 — Reilly (Albion), A.
Humble (Box Hill), McMil-
lan (Box Hill), Bruns (Mor-
well), L.Kittle (Polonia),
Bannon (Springvale), Arco-
raci (Thomastown)

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Leading scorers:
10 — P. Constantinou (Northcote)
9 — Thomas (Pines)
9 — 8 Latic, Flaherty (Thomastown)
8 — Cozzella (Fawkner), Stron (Morwell), Patsakos (Northcote), Morovic (Dinamo)
12 — Webster (Pines)
11 — Warszawski (Polonia)
10 — Toro (Northcote), Nelson (Springvale)

HAIL HUMBIE!

Box Hill 2
Polonia 1

Scorers: A Humble 38th, Verechia 67th (BH); Auld 10th (Pol).

Venue: Wembley Park.

The rise of Andy Humble and the decline of Janusz Przybyla was portrayed in explicit fashion in a game in which Polonia only had Leszek Dzielakowski, Rick Liplarski, Kevin Innes and John Little giving it all they've got.

Box Hill on the other hand, had a team of real goers, even though a couple of the Hillmen have played better games. But what a display by Humble, who joined the Hillmen from Doncaster Rovers earlier this year. He's developed from a raging bull into a most astute striker losing nothing of his aggression and competitive spirit in the transformation. The Przybyla I saw here is but a shadow of the class striker I once knew. And that saddens me, for I'm one of

many who have marvelled at the man's qualities. On at least four or five occasions the Przybyla of old would have got shots in but here he needed that extra touch and suddenly his chance was gone.

Nevertheless, it was Polonia which struck first. John Little's hard challenge on Gary McPhee sent the ball flying across the face of the Box Hill goal to Billy Auld, who did really well to move wide then strike the ball under Harrison into the bottom far corner.

Alan Rodhouse crossed from the left in the 11th minute and Dzielakowski came out but was no match for Humble who nevertheless headed over. For the next 20 minutes Box Hill pumped a succession of high balls into the Polonia area.

In the 38th minute, Alan Rodhouse made a good run down the left and drove the ball across to the far post. Humble charged in and sent a fiercely struck header into the roof of the net to make it 1-1. Just before halftime, Peter

Verechia headed on following a throw-in from the left. Humble turned and hit the ball by a first time but it was cleared off the line.

As the second half unfolded, the tempo decreased. A feature of the game was the handling of the respective keepers. Harrison was catching all the high balls but Dzielakowski, who was under much more pressure, was punching clear, to good effect too.

The goal that was to decide the issue came in the 67th minute. Alan Hughes made a great run down the right and played the ball to Humble whose cross was knocked out for a corner. Hughes took it, sending the ball to the near post, and Verechia's glancing header made it 2-1.

This loss makes Polonia's top four hopes dim considerably. It lacked aggression against a very competitive Box Hill, which will make Croydon and Morwell Falcons fight every inch of the way in the State League Cup later in the year.

Tansey, Singleton sent off

Morwell F. 1
Croydon 0

Scorer: Athersych 62nd.
Venue: North Crinigan Reserve.

There isn't an RSPCC but should the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Players ever get off the ground I'm sure all 24 players involved in this match would be delighted to weigh in with a donation.

Okay, you cannot order weather to suit, but most people like to watch their favorite soccer teams in action in reasonable conditions. The

saddest feature of all was that a vital game like this should be played on a pitch nearly half waterlogged, the ball on a few occasions refusing to budge.

This is only Croydon City's third loss for the season but there are fundamental questions to be answered. Is Croydon merely a flash in the pan, and can Jimmy Dunne's Falcons really pick the lot in the title race after playing second fiddle for so long?

What of the game that reduced Croydon's lead on top of the ladder to one point and flung the doors of the championship wide open?

David Singleton received a

yellow card for deliberate hand ball and minutes later, in what must be a harsh decision, was shown a red card when the ball rebounded off his arm from a fierce volley. Before Croydon could untangle it, the dismembered backline, Harry Bingham, racing on the left, crossed into a packed area and Russell Athersych met the pass to head past Billy Whitehead, the ball hitting the post before crossing the line.

Jim Tansey was sent off minutes from the end after a clash with Graham Tutill, and it was sad to hear the great ex-Socceroo being booed off the park.

By JOHN WALLACE



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SELECTIONS

VICTORIAN DIVISION ONE

Saturday: NUNAWADING CITY v Richmond, Doveton v MORNINGTON, Kew Park Rangers v CAULFIELD CITY, SUNBURY v Kib Dandenong, Doncaster v BROADMEADOW.

Sunday: Morwell v ALTONA GATE, Werribee v MELBOURNE.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: KILGOR v Ringwood, Utd. ELTHAM v Colong, Werriway City v Albion City (draw), Underwood City v KELL PARK, CAULFIELD v Kib Dandenong, SUN MORGANALCO v Ransley Rangers, SANDRINGHAM v Royal Melbourne.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: MORGANALCO v Heidelberg, Doveton v PLYMOUTH, Broomfield v Melbourne, PLYMOUTH v Broomfield, Broomfield v PLYMOUTH, Broomfield v PLYMOUTH.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: LANEWARRIN v Arden, ROSANNA v Brighton, Broomfield v EAST BROMFIELD, Kew v Broomfield, Broomfield v Broomfield.

DIVISION FIVE

Saturday: EAST BROMFIELD v Ransley, WILSON v PLYMOUTH, Broomfield v Broomfield, CLARINDA, Clayton v ABBOTSFORD, Clayton City v WANDRINA, MALVERN CITY v Chelms.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: GERRING UTD v Moorah Utd, Nelson v DINGLEY UTD, KTH BANDINGHAM v Utd of Melbourne, Altona Utd v KTH SUNSHINE, Barwick City v Standard Utd (draw).

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: FITZROY CITY v Kensington Utd, MORWELL v Parkmore, Lyons Utd v ASSET VILE CITY, WESTALL v Glenary, Broomfield City v BURWOOD UTD, MITCHAM v Moorab.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Melbourne Utd v MICHAM UTD (at Richmond Utd's Ground, MULGRAVE v St. Albans, West Utd v CLARINDA, KNOXING, WEST HEADON v Lake Carrara Utd v BATHMAN UTD, MEADOW PARK v St. Kilda, BACALAVA v Port Utd.

DIVISION FIVE

Saturday: OPPING TRISTLE v Moorab, Acher 31 Marks v EAGLES Utd, OLD SCOTCH v Larches Utd, BALWYN CITY v Melbourne Utd, WAVERLEY UTD v Endeavour Hills, NORTH-ERN SUBURBS v Vermont.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: DIGGERS REST v Yarra Utd, CO. LINDWOOD CITY v Concordia, Ringwood Utd v R.M.U., Nth Melbourne v PLYMOUTH, LINDWOOD, DIAMOND VALLEY v Princes.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: BENTLEY PARK v Broomfield, East Richmond v DINGLEY UTD, East Albion v RAAF POINT COOK.

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Serbia slumps, easy for

RINGWOOD SERBIA 0 WAVERLEY CITY 2 (Budd 35th, Storey 65th) Victorian Second Division match at Jubilee Park, Saturday.

WAVERLEY CITY: Darch - Coulter, Patterson, Dixon, Wilson - Storey (ln. Crompton 75th), Willocks, Drouge - Ganasera, Budd, Grimwade.

Ringwood Serbia slumped deep into the relegation zone of the Second Division after an unimpressive debut at its temporary home, Jubilee Park.

Serbia is likely to play the remainder of its 1995 home fixtures at the ground of State League club Ringwood Wilhelm because its pitch at Quambi Reserve is severely waterlogged.

The only bright spot for Serbia in the 2-0 defeat against Waverley City was the return of veteran goalkeeper Jimmy Milisavljevic after a serious knee injury. Serbia will rely heavily on the class and experience of Milisavljevic, the former Footscray JUST star and member of the Socceroo squad for the 1974 World Cup finals, in the fight to climb up the ladder.

Micky Budd opened the scoring for Waverley with a powerful drive after a corner, giving him two goals in two matches since winning a regular position in the starting lineup.

Paul Storey sealed the result with a remarkable left-foot shot that went in off the post, but soon after he left the field with an ankle injury.

Waverley's grip on the match was never seriously threatened, giving the visitors

Eltham

their third successive away victory.

ROYAL RICHMOND 0 ELTHAM 3 (M. Cirka penalty 15th, Schipano 58th, Moulas 66th) Victorian Second Division match at Kevin Bartlett Reserve, Saturday.

ELTHAM: Carey S, Bonnici 8, Banicas 8 (Sturross 54th), Cochran 8, M. Cirka 9, Moulas 8, Ison 8 (Emaden 42nd 8), P. Cirka 8, Norton 9, Schipano 8, Woodward 8.

ROYAL RICHMOND: Hre Horvath 7, Marchetti 8, Korica 7, Stovanovic 7, Kondorovic 7, Jovic 8, P. Kmic (sent off 80th), Borbia 7, Asenovic 7, Tront 7, Ferrer 8.

In atrocious conditions, Eltham had a convincing win over Royal Richmond. Mick Cirka opened the scoring with a twice taken penalty. The keeper blocked the first attempt but the ref ordered a re-take as two defenders had encroached. Players slipped and slid everywhere and the referee had his hands full maintaining control. Tony Schipano made it 2-0 13 minutes after the break and Con Moulas blasted in the third in the 66th minute.

HEIDELBERG BUNDOORA 0 MOOROOLBARK 0 Victorian Third Division match at Liberty Parade Reserve, Saturday.

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Celts go marching on

By **LES SHORROCK**

PRAHRAN CELTIC 2 (Rooney 10th, MacLeod 75th) YALLOURN 0 Victorian Third Division match at Como Park, Saturday.

PRAHRAN CELTIC: Orock, Rainey, Webb, Houston, McCuskey, George, Reid, Findlay, MacLeod, Tracey (Larford 67th), Rooney.

YALLOURN: Rodriguez, Lazich, A. Hrist, Mike Hrist, Pavlovic, Trent (Lackey 77th), Mark Hrist, Paine, Collings, McWhirter, Howes.

Prahran Celtic kept on course for the Third Division championship with a good win over a lively Yallourn on Saturday, but it didn't have things all its own way, in fact Yallourn had packed a bit more punch up front, the result could have been close.

Celtic opened brightly enough, and it soon became apparent that small Yallourn defenders were going to have trouble coping with the aerial strength of big Gus MacLeod and his fellow front-runner, Danny McCuskey.

So it proved in the 10th minute Celtic won a corner, Yallourn goalie Louis Rodriguez was more than happy to flap the ball away for another corner, but he got in a dreadful tangle with his defenders as the second one came over and Jimmy Rooney, lurking on the edge of the penalty area happily banged the ball home.

Ten minutes later came the high spot of the match as McCuskey beat Rodriguez to a cross and headed the ball in, only to see it fly straight through the side-netting.

McCuskey's face was a picture to behold as referee Lou Hemmes waved away his strenuous protests and awarded a goal-kick! (Memo to Joe Docherty - of course goalkeepers have holes in them, but this is ridiculous).

In the second half, after Steve Luxford had replaced Danny Tracey for Celtic, he skimmed the bar with a great



• Prahran Celtic defender Danny McCuskey. Picture **LES SHORROCK.**

shot that was Celtic's best chance for the half.

In the 75th minute the inevitable happened, and that scourge of young goalkeepers, Gus MacLeod, got the goal that had been threatening all through the second half.

Surprisingly, it wasn't a header. The big win chased a through ball with all the agility of a Sherman tank going through a brick wall and young Rodriguez wisely kept out of his way and was rewarded with a consoling pat on the head from Gus.

It was MacLeod's 17th goal of the season and even though he now lacks the pace that made him top goalscorer at so many clubs in Scotland, he still is fearsome in the air.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable game, played in the

right spirit, and what is sometimes ineptly referred to by some of my less enlightened colleagues as "typically British".

Of course it lacked the Continental skills. There was no shuffling, elbow-chopping, karate chopping or ankle tapping, and after the game the players all shook hands and went off for a beer together - the way it should be.

It's always a pleasure to go to Como Park, if only for the atmosphere alone. The Celtic faithful play a major part in the afternoon, singing or cheering as the mood takes them and the patter flows as fast as in a Glasgow pub. The make up of the Celtic team contributes largely to this. It isn't so much a team as a collection of eccentrics, mostly stars of yesterday-might not yesterday.

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While Bankstown played poorly last Saturday and should have been beaten by Uruguay, the side improved a lot on Sunday and should have netted both points.

Uruguay went ahead through Botero after only two minutes. A superb through pass by Estavillo saw Botero racing through to beat El Zein. Three minutes later, after an infringement by Hastie, Bankstown got an equaliser through a Meerabani penalty shot.

Then came Bankstown's five minutes of glory when a long free kick by Raul saw Hassan beat the Uruguay defence to score. Slav Planinic restored the draw in the 25th, then it was Hastie's turn for joy as Terry Seacy pointed to the spot. Hastie beat El Zein from the resultant penalty and Uruguay led 3-2 at half time.

Slav Planinic turned villain in the closing stages of the match, when his back pass found Hosseini who slotted his shot past Tabernaberi.

Bankstown looks doomed to relegation.

Polonia 3 Manly 1

At Chopin Park.
Scorers: Janic 40th, 48th, 87th (P. Williamson 87th) 45th.

Chopin Park remains an unhappy hunting ground for the Sea Eagles. Polonia notched its fifth straight victory.

Stefan Janic became the new hero of the Polish team after scoring all three goals to come within one goal of the leading State League sharpshooter, Don Allan of Melita Eagles.

In the closing minutes of the first half Polonia opened its account through Janic, only to see Manly reply through Graham Williamson.

Three minutes after the restart, Polonia went ahead. A cross from the right wing bobbed up in the Manly penalty area bouncing off Stuart Dick to the feet of Janic who calmly slotted it into the net.

Jan Barker made a great save from Janic in the 75th, then Anderson stopped one from Bobby Pagano at the other end before Janic got his hat-trick in the 86th. He raced

past two defenders then slammed a great drive wide of Barker to complete the scoring for the day.

Avala 0 Fairy Meadow 1

At Knights Park.
Scorers: Maurizio Montecchi 87th.

Meadow is only a step away from the league title following its second victory over Avala in 1995.

The inspired team from the South Coast always was the better side and troubled Avala for most of the match. Chances came thick and fast but Bruce Thurlow, back in goal for Avala, was in superb form.

With only five minutes remaining, Atagic and Divani developed all sorts of problems inside their own area and Maurizio Montecchi raced in from close range.

Bankstown 3 Uruguay 3

At Innesville.
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Christopoulos saga continues

By **PETER WINDSOR**

Canberra City Olympians want a new rule which would cancel a player's clearance if his new club owes money for his transfer.

"Right now no National Soccer League club - or the League itself - has this authority - which we regard as 'dickens', said Canberra's secretary, Taso Samios.

Canberra's move for the rule change follows its near year-long battle with Heidelberg for \$18,000 it was owed for the transfer of George Christopoulos.

Only last week - and at the NSL's intervention - did Canberra finally receive \$8,000 of the outstanding amount despite Heidelberg having paid Christopoulos's services for the whole of the 1995 season.

"If the NSL hadn't taken

money that was apparently owed to Heidelberg by Footscray and given it to us, then we may not have got even the \$8,000 for many more weeks," Samios added.

"The point we want to argue is that we believe a club - if not a club then certainly the NSL - should be able to cancel a clearance while money is outstanding.

"All the NSL can do under the existing rules is to stop the debtor club signing and registering additional players until any previous transfer debt has been paid.

"Clearance cancellation is the only answer."

ITFA cancelled Ian Gibson's transfer to Canberra through the Australian Soccer Federation the season before last because \$2,000 of his transfer fee was owed to his former club, Kilmarnock.

Samios said the club was immensely grateful for the efforts of NSL secretary Stefan Kamasz's efforts in the negotiations with Heidelberg.

"It is the NSL that has also offered a solution for Canberra to receive the final \$4,000 of the agreed \$18,000 Christopoulos transfer fee.

"Money that would flow to Heidelberg from its share of the receipts from its participation in the Southern Division's top five play-offs will now come to Canberra to wipe off hopefully all of the deficit," Samios said.

He was at pains to stress that Canberra had always played the ball in the Christopoulos transfer saga.

"We agreed to accept initially only part of the payment when Heidelberg said it couldn't meet \$18,000 in one hit, Samios said.



• **George Christopoulos**

"We promptly received the initial payment of \$8,000 and we were to have then received a further \$6,000 by May 1 and the balance of \$4,000 by June 1.

"It was in getting these final payments that everything broke down."

Canberra will ask for debate for the transfer clearance rule change at the NSL's next executive meeting.

Canterbury hits sharks for six!

Melita Eagles is out of the race for the title as is Sutherland, following last weekend's round of the NSW Skysack State League.

Melita was expected to coast home against Rockdale Linden and with Avala ready to pounce on Fairy Meadow it was not unexpected that Melita was going to be the lead on the league table.

But the mighty Eagles lost almost without a whimper, while Sutherland lost in a drama-packed game at Seymour Shaw against an in-form Canterbury. The Sharks had the game sewn up with leads of three goals and 4-1 at 3-0 after 10 minutes and 4-1 at half time. Even at 5-3 with 15 minutes to go and playing against the 10 men of Canterbury the home side was in the box seat but all that changed in the closing stages mainly due to a dazzling display by Nello Borges.

Fairy Meadow beat Avala with a late goal by Maurizio Montecchi, but looked much better than the 1-0 winning suggests.

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Meadow is only a step away from the league title following its second victory over Avala in 1995.

The inspired team from the South Coast always was the better side and troubled Avala for most of the match. Chances came thick and fast but Bruce Thurlow, back in goal for Avala, was in superb form.

With only five minutes remaining, Atagic and Divani developed all sorts of problems inside their own area and Maurizio Montecchi raced in from close range.

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NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Skysack State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAIR MEADOW	13	4	3	25	12	30
CANTERBURY	12	5	3	44	23	29
MELITA	11	4	5	36	18	28
SUTHERLAND	10	6	4	27	19	26
Ku-Ring-Gai	8	7	5	25	19	23
Rockdale Linden	7	6	7	25	18	20
Avala	6	7	6	22	20	18
Manly Warringah	4	8	16	16	23	16
Polonia	2	9	1	31	45	16
Narrabeen	2	9	10	15	30	12
Uruguay	2	5	13	15	43	9
Bankstown National	2	5	13	15	43	9

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday: Ku-Ring-Gai v Polonia at Parklands Oval.
Sunday: Fairy Meadow v Uruguay at Memorial Park; Manly v Avala at Cromer Park; Rockdale Linden v Narrabeen at Hurstville Oval; Bankstown v Sutherland at Jensen Park; Melita Eagles v Canterbury at Melita Stadium.

ROCKDALE LINDEN (Ristovski 67th) KU-RING-GAI 2 (Goldsworthy 44th, Nile 57th) at Hurstville Oval, Saturday.
ROCKDALE LINDEN: Kotzohambos 7 - Blackburn 7, Pilovski 8, Forester 6, J Wilson 8 - D Wilson 6, Nastoski 7, Slavetski 7, Pappas 7 - Brown 6, Ristovski 7.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacy 7 - Keven 8, Bertram 7, Watson 6, Goldsworthy 6 - Quigley 5, (77th Jesse) Bennett 7, Sutherland 5, Brockbank 7 - Nile 7, Bass 6.

URUGUAY AUBURN 0 BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 0 at Mona Park, Saturday.
URUGUAY: Tabernaberi 7 - Nario 9 (Cuba 59th 5), Hastie 8, Planinic 7, Pina 7 - Fernandez 8, Estavillo 9, Langran 6 - Arbero 7, Benales 7, Boro 5 (O Shane 46th 5).

BANKSTOWN: El Zein 8 - Hatton 7 (Rajab 82nd), Lahoud 7, Meerabani 8, Ismail 6 - Antonopolis 5, Apenian 6, Grgen 5, Nocera 6 - Hassan 6, Hosseini 5.

MELITA EAGLES 0 ROCKDALE LINDEN 1 (Nastoski 32nd) at Melita Stadium, Sunday.
MELITA: Mullen 8 - Laling 7, McCoy 7, Wilson 7, McAusland 6 - Farrugia 7, Davies 6, Vial 6 - Walker 5, Hensman, Allan 5, Callinan 5.

ROCKDALE LINDEN: Kotzohambos 7 - Blackburn 7, Pilovski 8, Forester 6, G Wilson 7 - D Wilson 7, Nastoski 8, Slavetski 7 - Brown 6, Palegova 6, Ristovski 7.

CANTERBURY 6 (Hantzis 25th, 86th pen, Silva 48th, 75th, Radman 47th, Borges 90th) SUTHERLAND 5 (Beggs 2nd, Hall 5th, 72nd, Groom 10th, Meades 43rd) at Seymour Shaw, Sunday.
SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 5 - Schumann 6, Burrows 5, Dalformo 5, Terry 5 - Harrington 6, Meades 6, Webber 7 - Groom 6, Hall 8, Berry 7.

CANTERBURY: Hummell 6 - Karasipros 6, Radman 9, Pena 9 (Kalogeras 85th), Hantzis 7 - Hormazabal 6, Ortega 7, Aragnostopoulos 6 - Borges 9, Silva 6, Kirwan 8.

AVALA 0 FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Montecchi 85th) at Knights Park, Sunday.
AVALA: Thurlow 9 - Jordan 6, Dobson 5, Lembrky 7, Divani 6 - Carney 7, Atagic 5, Cootes 6, Murray 6 - Jeffery 5, Martinez 5.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 7 - White 7, Jones 7, Berringer 8, Morlando 8 - Piel 7, Mowbray 8, Gerald 7 - Bradley 6 (Ishby 87th), Richardson (Montecchi 80th) Fontana 7.

NARRABEEN 0 KU-RING-GAI 0 at Narrabeen Sports Centre, Sunday.
NARRABEEN: P Dean 7 - Hanley 8, Watt 9, Jones 7, Parfitt 7 - Griffin 6, A Dean 7, Collings 6, Van Helden 6 - Sandtner 6 (Friend 77th), Nacinovic 7.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey 8 - Keven 8, Bertram 7, Watson 8, Goldsworthy 6 - Jesse 7, Farrell 7 (Ferguson 65th), Sutherland 6, Bennett 6 - Hunter 5, Nile 6.

POLONIA 3 (Janic 40th, 48th, 87th) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Williamson 45th) at Chopin Park, Sunday.
POLONIA: Anderson 8 - Chow 7, Collusso 7, Geeke 7 - Dryz 7, Sobczyk 8, Mahamah 7 - Vujinovic 7, Janic 9 (Burrows 6).

MANLY: 1 Barker 7 - Denney 6, J D 7, Pearce 5, Dick 6 - J Barker 7, Etherington 5, Jebrael 5, (Holloway 55th 6) - Williamson 6, Pagano 6, Baumgartner 5.

BANKSTOWN: 3 (Moorebani 5th, Hassan 16th, Hosseini 81st) URUGUAY 3 (Botero 2nd, Planinic 25th, Hassan pen. 10th) at Jensen Park, Sunday.
BANKSTOWN: El Zein 8 - Hatton 7, Smali 7, Rajab 7, Lahoud 6, Meerabani 8, Ismail 6 - Antonopolis 5, Apenian 5 (Popovic 31st, Moussa 76th), Antonopolis 6, Hosseini 6, Hassan 6.

URUGUAY: Tabernaberi 7 - O'Donnell 6, Planinic 6, Hastie 7, Pina 7 - Fernandez 8, Estavillo 7 (Sent off 72nd), Langran 5 (Carrizo 52nd 7), Benales 8, Arbero 6.

create an opportunity for Marcos Silva to beat Burchmore to make it 3-4.

Ricky Hormazabal, booked for dissent during the first half, was sent off in the 70th minute, making the task even greater for Canterbury. Then came a goal by Craig Hall and Sutherland was 3-3 up with an extra player on the park.

Canterbury did not the down and came back through Marcos Silva minutes later. Silva appeared to have touched

the ball which came off a Sutherland player and into the net.

With five minutes to go Blanco brought on yet another forward, Kalogeras in place of Eddie Pena, and seconds later Kalogeras was upended inside the penalty area with Hantzis scoring from the resultant penalty to make it 5-5.

In time added on, Nello Borges danced past three defenders then slammed his shot into the net from the tightest of angles for the winner.

Waverley Six-A-Side

By **KYLE PATTERSON**

Waverley City's annual six-a-side tournament kicks off its 13th year on the weekend of October 26-27.

The tournament is open to all clubs under the Victorian Soccer Federation's jurisdiction, but there is no selection process - the 32 places will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

Clubs nominating early not only will ensure their participation in this excellent tournament, but will save money by way of a discounted entry fee available until September 7. The discounted fee is \$40 per team, late entries will incur a surcharge.

Clubs with an eye for detail in profit and loss accounts will no doubt see the \$40 as a good investment as there is \$900 in prizemoney up for grabs,

thanks to sponsorship by Esanda.

Money, however, is rarely the motivation for players in the Waverley tournament, which has built a fine reputation over the years. The big attractions are plenty of soccer in a format which encourages attacking play, an environment without the pressure of league competition and the opportunity to mix socially among Melbourne's soccer fraternity.

And to enable all players, coaches and officials to relive the great moments of careers in an appropriate setting, a disco/gala night in Waverley's new social club is

planned for the Saturday night. For those unfamiliar with the eastern suburbs, Waverley's home is Gardiners Creek Reserve, Sixth Avenue, Burwood.

Games are played on half-size pitches with goals reduced to 21ft by 7ft. Teams can field only players registered with them during the current season, meaning guest players or all-star selections (who rarely fulfill the promise of their title, anyway) are prohibited. V&F referees officiate at matches.

Waverley City has written to 124 V&F clubs inviting them to enter, so the rush is on! Don't be caught napping. For more information, contact Waverley's Paul Webster on 534 2409.

Tony Henderson 'saves' APIA from relegation

APIA-Leichhardt was saved from relegation last week by an appeals board meeting at Sydney airport.

The board ruled that APIA should be awarded the points from a game it lost 0-4 to Marconi on July 29, because Tony Henderson, who played in that game, should have been serving a suspension.

Although APIA got the points, it was not awarded any more. The league was recorded as 0-0, yet usually, any team that gains points in such a way, receives a 2-0 or 3-0 scoreline.

Marconi secretary Keith Charles said this

week: "I think we've been had, quite honestly. 'Originally, the NSL tribunal ruled in our favor, but then it was found the meeting was unconstitutional because not enough members were present."

"The second hearing ruled against us."

"When we played against Sydney City on Saturday, July 28, Henderson was shown the yellow card in the last minute of play, over handball. I was not aware of how many points he had accumulated, and the NSL had not sent out a list that week, of players on the borderline."

"We played against APIA the following day, Sunday, and being unaware of Henderson's points total, we played him."

"What we ask is: When is a player suspended — when he's shown the yellow card, or when the referee submits his report to the NSL? Also, is every club expected to keep a record of yellow cards and if so, how are they supposed to know how many points each penalty represents?"

APIA president Nick Papello said it had been "common knowledge" that Henderson was on 11 points before he was shown the yellow card against Sydney City.

"The appeals tribunal's decision has restored my faith in justice. They made the only decision possible," he said.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



• Tony Henderson

British style stupid here

There was one rather ironic thing about Tim White's article two weeks ago where he, in the face of my own earlier comments, vigorously defended the virtues of British coaches.

It was the page layout.

I'm not sure Tim would have been all too pleased, for right about his article was Andrew Dettre's column with the disturbing heading: "No-one's really interested in the National League."

I mean, there's Tim telling what a good job the coaches are doing and on the same page it is being pointed out that nobody's interested in the football.

It seems Tim did not really understand what I was driving at when I argued in an earlier column that Australia should be relieved of the British influence in its coaching.

Tim speaks of success in terms of results. I spoke of success in terms of standards of entertainment which might just draw the odd soul to the games.

Eddie Thomson, too, spoke of results when he argued the contrary view to mine elsewhere in the Press recently.

He spoke of Vic Dalgligh and Jimmy Shandley and other British coaches who brought success to Australia.

I have no argument with the results British coaches have achieved. Eddie Thomson, Len McKendry, Brian Garvey, Roy Thompson.

But as Eddie Thomson, and his club will admit, results and the winning of championships are simply not enough to guarantee crowds in this country.

After this season even Len McKendry's Hellas might be willing to admit that.

But back to Tim White who really should have paid more attention to what he was reading. If he did he would have noted that I never argued that all our coaches should be British, or they should all be Yugoslav, or Hungarian, or Italian, or German, or Dutch.

Despite Tim's psychological diagnosis, I do not 'harbour fantasies of a jumbo jet parachuting a squad of Brazilian coaches into Australia, transforming our players into Zicos or Poles'.

Tim should really have stayed clear of that one. I may not know how much about coaching, but I may know as



LES MURRAY

much about it as Tim does about psychoanalysis. Which, as Tim says, probably adds up to a blank page.)

The view that Brazilian coaches should be brought to Australia has been misunderstood before, notably after the 1982 World Cup when many observers, other than myself, suggested just that.

There was pontification and intellectualisation about genetic factors, social factors, how hard-boned, macho Aussie boys could never be as dainty with their football as are creole-skinned Brazilian ur-

chins. Yet nobody had suggested Brazilian coaches would bring samba-soccer or create instant Brazilian wizardry.

But sure as hell they would have done something about the alarming shortage of ball control, technique and imagination our players, young and old, display — whoever it is that coaches them.

The bit about genetic factors is also a lazy, expedient argument with not a dash of evidence to support it.

You don't have to be negroed or Latin to have ball skills. Best, Bowles, Currie, Johnstone, Brookling and Hoddle and hundreds of other Anglo-Celtics have proven that — not to mention the thousands of rigidly built Dutch, Germans and Slavs.

And you don't have to be Anglo-Celtic to have aggression and commitment either, as so many black players in England are proving.

Your soccer environment, the styles that surround and influence you, however, do make a difference.

Those two classy Argentinians of the mid-70s, Carlos Babington and Rene Houseman, were genetically as British as their names suggested.

They both were of British parentage, yet their football was an antithesis of all that the world recognises as British because Argentine football, the Argentine style and, presumably, Argentine coaching, was their influence and pedagogy.

That style in Australia, is predominantly British. There is the danger and there was the point of my original argument.



Trixie Tagg

I did say that the coaches fashioning our juniors should not be British. But, importantly, I also added: "or at least not with a British approach to football."

This did not even suggest that there was something necessarily wrong with British football. It suggested that there WAS something wrong with allowing Australian soccer to develop on a tilt towards one particular style, whether that style was British or not.

Our advantage over the developed soccer world, albeit our only advantage, is that stylistically our soccer is still at an infant stage and can be fashioned into directions almost of our own choosing.

If our style is allowed to develop on its present track, we will be no more than copies of the British — who will always have more than 100 years start on us.

Tim White says I blatantly insulted the ability and dedication of our junior coaches. Yet I spoke out of their ability and dedication. I spoke only of their stylistic influence.

All I ask is that the style of Australian soccer is to some degree diluted so that it becomes more entertaining and more relative to the people who watch it. Or would watch it.

The British coaches and their influences are not entirely to blame for that style and I didn't say they were. But, if they'll pardon me, they could do with some new blood. Would it be so discriminatory to suggest the old non-British coach here and there?

Goodness me, would the country turn on its head if just one State Director of Coaching wasn't British?

Australian soccer matches are watched regularly by migrants, the origins of whom is restricted to Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia and, to a lesser extent, Malta, Hungary, Holland and South America.

Remarkably our huge British migrant population snubs Australian soccer. Yet, even more remarkably, our style is distinctly and increasingly British.

That is not just discrimination. That is stupid.

Tagg's NSW hard to beat in national women's titles

The Australian women's national championships kick off at Wembley Park, Box Hill, later this month and one of the sides hardest to beat will be NSW, managed by Trixie Tagg.

Tagg, also a coach with impeccable credentials and has won the position of assistant coach of the Australian women's team. "I'm looking forward to assisting national coach Fred Robins in next months training camp in Melbourne. We don't have any firm commitments for the national team until next March at the Oceania Championships in New Zealand," said Tagg.

"There is a lot of talent in the ranks that should come to the fore at the national championships. This will put pressure on current internationals, although they did perform well in China and Taiwan at the end of last year."

Having coached alongside former national coach Rale Rasic she knows the ropes.

The highlight came in 1981 when the Australian side, with Tagg as coach, won all four matches on a New Zealand tour, including the only Test of the series. Earlier that year, her NSW women's youth squad was undefeated in a six-match tour of California.

• Here is the draw for the national championships at Box Hill:

KICK OFF TIMES	WED 28/8	THUR 29/8	FRI 30/8	SAT 31/8	SUN 1/9	MON 2/9	TUE 3/9	WED 4/9	THUR 5/9	FRI 6/9
10.00	TAS-NT	NT-WA	SA-VIC	SA-NT	TAS-NWSW		VIC-ACT	NSW-WA	ACT-SQ	WA-SA
SCORE										
11.30	NSW-ACT	SA-SQ	TAB-NWSW	SO-TAS	ACT-SA		NSW-WA	VIC-NSW	NSW-VIC	NT-NSW
SCORE										
1.00	SQ-NSW	ACT-TAS	NSW-SA	VIC-WA	NT-VIC		SA-NSW	ACT-NT	WA-TAS	NSW-SQ
SCORE										
2.30	VIC-SA	NSW-NSW	WA-ACT	NSW-ACT	SQ-WA		SQ-NT	SA-TAS	NT-NSW	TAS-VIC
SCORE										
BYE	WA	VIC	NT	NSW	NSW		TAS	SQ	SA	ACT

Summer soccer push

Canberra Olympians coach Roy Thompson has joined Sydney Hakoah boss Eddie Thomson in pushing for summer soccer.

Thompson has also urged Canberra's Board of Directors, to back his submission for.

The Australian Soccer Federation to introduce a national indoor winter competition, and

The National Youth League to be raised to an under 21 competition.

The indoor game has attracted Thompson for some time as in Canberra he has watched basketball's indoors on soccer's traditional following in winter.

Thompson believes indoor soccer, and a national summer soccer competition finally would put the round ball code on the map in Australia.

"We have the grounds to play summer soccer even if some of the games are played under floodlights in late afternoon or early evening," he said.

PETER WINDSOR

"We would no longer have to compete for media coverage with all of the other winter codes."

About the National Youth League Thompson believes that too many teenagers are being asked to step from this League straight into NSL soccer.

Billy Rae says thanks

Billy Rae has asked "Success Action" to thank on his behalf all those who rang and sent cards while he was at the Mary and Morfitt Hospital for two weeks with a heart complaint. "You don't realise you've got friends until you're down," he said. Rae played for Hakoah, Abion Rivers, Box Hill, Morfitt and Dandenong City before joining his present club, Burwood. His heart complaint, however — an enlarged muscle in the heart — has ended his playing career.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



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Kapetanovic will stay

Reports about coach Domagoj Kapetanovic leaving Melbourne Croatia are rubbish.

Kapetanovic will be there next year, and the team will be better than ever.

"We've got big plans for next year," Kapetanovic says.

"A player who was under me as a junior while I was coaching in Sydney a few years ago, wants to join us, and an Englishman also will sign up but it's too early to mention names."

A newspaper report has suggested that Luka Bonacic, who played for Footscray J.U.S.T., this year, would return from Yugoslavia to become player-coach of Croatia.

Even Bonacic has denied the report.

If he does come back, he'll play for J.U.S.T., Bonacic said, but meanwhile, he's had some excellent offers from various clubs in Yugoslavia.

Kapetanovic, who coached Sydney Croatia and Marconi during his previous stint in Australia, has great faith in his young players — particularly Goren Trogrlic, a strong striker who may be ready for the senior team next season.

He also expects big things from Tom Zille and Danny Sebljak, both full backs or centre backs, Ron Vranic, a winger or mid-fielder, and Mark Talajic, who played for Australia in the world under 16 championships in China.

Meanwhile, Kapetanovic is confident Croatia will do well in the NSL finals. "The players are in good form and the atmosphere is excellent," he says.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

HRUBESCH RETURNS

• Veteran English striker Mike Chanon has joined Portsmouth on a month-to-month basis.

• Colombia's Nacional Medellin has acquired Uruguayan World Cup star Nelson Gutierrez from Penarol for a \$200,000 fee.

• Dennis Mortimer, captain of Aston Villa's European Champions' Cup winning team of 1982, has joined Brighton.

• Former Leeds United and England players Allan Clarke and Norman Hunter have been appointed managers of Barnsley and Rotherham United respectively.

• Mario Zagalo has been dismissed as Flamengo coach, following the club's dis-

appointing Brazilian Championship campaign.

• After investigations into match-rigging by the Hungarian federation, players from Tata-banya, Ujpest Dosza and Ferenc-vas were disciplined.

• Reflecting the current financial state of West German football, close season transfer activity was minimal. The only noteworthy transfers were: Helmut Winkhofer (Bayer Leverkusen to Bayern Munich), Frank Harmann (Hannover 96 to Bayern Munich), and Horst Hrubesch (Standard Liege to Borussia Dortmund).

• Ponte Preta is the favorite to sign the unsettled Socrates from Fiorentina.

— PAUL MOON

Holland Park loses points

• Holland Park has lost \$1000 and two points for having entered on a team sheet the name of Aydon Bol who was due to face the tribunal. The Victorian Soccer Federation imposed the \$1000 fine during the week. Holland Park didn't turn up for the original hearing last Wednesday, so the club was suspended from the weekend's round, meaning its opponent, Border, was awarded the points.

12 team NSL

SIR — How do you expect the National League to improve when the people involved in organising the league make it suffer?

(1) Firstly, I believe the ASF should change the correct format to a 12-team league. A league comprising four teams from NSW four teams from Victoria, two teams from South Australia and two teams from Queensland. At the end of the season the team that finishes last should be relegated and replaced by a team from the State League of the area the related team came from. I also think there is no excuse for a developing team not to be relegated. Also at the end of the season there should be no top 5 series to decide the winner of the championship. Instead, the team that ends up on top of the table wins the championship.

(2) The National Cup should be played midweek, instead of Sundays, at venues which have floodlights (eg Victoria — Olympic Park No 1 and 2, NSW — St George Stadium and Croatian Sports Centre, South Australia — Hindmarsh Stadium and Football Park).

There also should be double-headers at each venue.

(3) Most importantly the ASF should plan to have the next international series about four rounds before the end of the season. And also not to have a repeat of what happened this season, where there was one round to go before the competition ended. When excitement was hotting up, we had to insert a two-week break, for the international series.

(4) The ASF should also start planning ahead because if we are to start next year's season again in March, it sure would be a short season because the World Cup finals start on March 31. That's of course if Australia makes it to the finals.

NICK TRAKAKIS,

Johnstone St. Malvern, vic.

Jankovics' 100

SIR — Being the instigator of the reported 100 NSL goal mark for Mark Jankovics in Marconi's recent match against Penrith, which was claimed to be incorrect in last week's issue of "Soccer Action", I would like to have the opportunity of clearing up the confusion on the matter.

At half time of the match in question, with Jankovics having already scored one goal, a message was sent to the Press room stating that another two goals would give Jankovics his 100th goal for the club.

This was never intended to mean that they are 100 League goals, but a total for Marconi that included National Cup and Top Four points.

Your correspondent unfortunately assumed otherwise and reported accordingly.

As you reported, quite correctly, in "Soccer Action" Jankovics has scored a total of 105 goals, in NSL and Cup games, five of which were

TO THE EDITOR...

for St George during the 1977 season, but he has a total of 100 for Marconi since he joined the club in 1978.

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Mornington

SIR — Having read the comments attributed to George Triakovski in "Soccer Action" of 17/7/85, regarding the "Scottish has-beens" of the Mornington side, I feel it is time to point out how this club has struggled to put soccer on the map, over a period of many years, in an area that has always been an Aussie Rules stronghold.

Everything they have done has been a fight, especially the finding of suitable grounds for their senior and junior teams.

They face particular difficulties in running juniors because of the travelling involved. Some years ago, six or seven 13 or 14-year-olds could be carried in one car.

This has changed with the rising cost of running a car and the advent of seat belts.

Mornington is 54 kms from the city, unlike teams in the western and northern suburbs. Juniors on the Peninsula have much greater distances to travel by comparison.

Now to an analysis of Mornington's team of "second-rate Scots".

1. John Cameron, 28 years old. Born Scotland. Arrived here at an early age. Played junior and senior soccer at Frankston Pines. Three years with Mornington.

2. Colin Mitchell, 27 years old. Born Scotland. Played with Peninsula juniors from under 13 onwards. Senior soccer with Frankston Pines, Slavia and Frankston City. Three years with Mornington.

3. Brian Paulding, 23 years old. Born Australia. Played with Seaford juniors, Pines seniors. Scottish descent. Three years with Mornington.

4. Goran Runje, 23 years old. Australian born, Yugoslav descent. Played with Seaford juniors, senior soccer with Frankston City. Three years with Mornington.

5. Robert Runje, 16 years old. Brother of Goran. Played with Seaford juniors, senior soccer with Pines and Mornington. At present captain of under 16 side in China.

6. Branko Radov, 23 years old. Australia of Yugoslav descent. Junior soccer with Seaford. Senior

soccer with Pines, Doveton, Mornington, 14 games this season. Recently left for Yugoslavia to try 2nd div soccer there.

7. Alan Kane, 19 years old. Australian born in English descent. Transferred from Moorabbin to take place of Branko Radov. Has filled Branko's goalkeeping shoes quite effectively and that took some doing.

8. Kevin Wall, 24 years old. Australian born, of Welsh-Australian descent. Junior with Seaford and Peninsula. Joined Pines as a 15 year old, at 17 Pines senior regular. The Frankston City, Green Gully and Mornington.

9. David Pye, 27 years old. Another "reject" from England. Played junior soccer with Peninsula Senior with Slavia, Frankston City. Three years with Mornington.

10. Andy Golby, 22 years old. Australian born, ex Pines, Frankston City juniors and seniors. Mornington three years.

11. Rob Stewart, 24 years old. Born Scotland. A genuine "reject". Played with Hearts, At 20, played with Frankston City, then Mornington.

12. Les Thomson, 28 years old. Scottish born long-standing player with Mornington. A mighty fine midfielder.

13. Les Stirrup, 30 years old. English born. Plays when needed in 1st team. Long standing player with Mornington.

14. Jim Smart, 33 years old. Scottish born. Another Scottish "reject" who more than half the club in Melbourne would like to have playing for them. Ex George Cross and Dandenong City.

15. Mark Anderson, 15 1/2 years old junior and senior with Mornington. A bit young to throw in against some of the teams that hack young and old players who play them too often.

A number of Mornington players have suffered injuries partly through fair tacked but more so from knee-high tackles. As for Mornington not playing skilful soccer, if they meet a team which attacks as skilfully as they do, or lose, you can be assured of an exciting game. If the opposition close ranks and tries to kick them off the park, it is difficult to play entertaining soccer.

I am 60 and have played a lot of soccer in Britain, Europe and Australia. Our 19 year old George has a lot of soccer to play and learn and

switch. I wish every team luck in the everyday struggle to keep soccer going, including Sunbury.

Quip from coach Tommy Robertson — "Second raters? My God! I thought they were fourth raters. I must be a better coach than I thought."

Yes, Tommy, you are and but for such a bad run of injuries, you would be sitting on top of the First Division now.

Yours, TOM WALL,
Dandenong Rd
Carrum Downs Vic

McLachlan

SIR — I find it necessary to write in response to some rather provocative words written by Craig MacKenzie in his report (Aug 7) of the Springvale v Polonia match.

The word "reject" used in an after match conversation between certain person from the Polonia camp and the Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan.

These words of criticism were, to say the least, out of order and to use the reporters' own words, "bloody discourteous". The fact that no name was given to the guy concerned would indicate the reporter felt on shaky ground. It could also lead readers to believe that other colleagues and friends of mine at Polonia could have been the so called "guilty" party.

It is for this reason alone I am writing this reply. Remarks similar to those attributed were in fact made by me. They were, however, made in a certain context and were not meant to be derogatory in the way our reporter has seen fit to take them.

This however is not the point of the issue.

What we have is a reporter who has supposedly eaves-dropped on a private conversation in a bar, and then used his reporting platform to indiscriminately criticise someone on the flimsiest of evidence, apparently it is not the first time it has happened.

To use the wise words of a compatriot, "Unbelievable".

Craig MacKenzie, I don't know you, but what I would suggest is that if you ever wish to quote me in future, you get it direct.

May I also suggest that this frivolous stop here and let's get on with the game — on the park.

DOUG GREGORY,
Assistant coach
of Polonia

VIA ITALIA!

with ROCKY DI ZIO

Juventus e Marconi nei tornei finali

Domenica scorsa, finalmente, si è concluso il campionato di Lega Nazionale che certamente passerà alla storia come una delle competizioni più noiose e insignificanti nella storia del calcio australiano.

I due gironi separati della N.S.L. hanno proprio finito per non accontentare nessuno e per ridurre ulteriormente l'interesse del pubblico, tanto che gli incassi di tutte le squadre hanno subito una netta flessione. Almeno l'anno scorso c'erano stati i tanto discussi "challenge rounds" che, a parte una certa confusione, almeno incrociavano le squadre dei due gironi alcune volte all'anno o creavano maggiori incontri di cartello fra squadre dello stesso girone.

Quest'anno le squadre del girone settentrionale non erano altro che una Lega Statale del N.S.W. (e Canberra) e in effetti pare geografica del N.S.W.), con il risultato che lo spettacolo in linea generale è sceso a meta' strada fra quello che era una volta lo standard della Lega Nazionale e quello della vecchia Lega Statale. Gli spettatori delle massime squadre naturalmente ci hanno perso e sono diminuiti in numero, mentre quelli delle "squadrette" promesse in massa o create di sana pianta per riempire i ranghi della N.S.L. non ci hanno guadagnato abbastanza e non sono aumentati.

Nel girone meridionale più o meno la stessa situazione, con l'aggiunta negativa che le squadre "ospiti" che avrebbero dovuto creare quell'interesse di "trasferta" non erano un granché (anche se la Juventus di Melbourne le ha beccate sonoramente dalle squadre di Adelaide) e a incidere enormemente sui costi di gestione dell'intera

Legga a cause delle spese di viaggio. Quindi un campionato, in linea massima, da dimenticare per quello che è possibile (la maggior parte del club, purtroppo, non lo potranno dimenticare tanto facilmente a causa del pesante passivo che esso ha creato). E' quindi necessario rimiscolare nuovamente il "minestrone" per il prossimo anno e per l'ennesima volta. C'è da augurarsi però che i responsabili di anche gli "irresponsabili" della Lega della A.S.F.) siano capaci una volta tanto di fare un cambiamento giudizioso che non dovrà essersi cambiato nuovamente il prossimo anno.

Alla fin dei conti hanno fatto tutti gli esperimenti, e tutti gli sbagli, possibili ed immaginabili quindi dovrebbero avere ormai una certa esperienza e certi dati di fatto da cui farsi guidare.

Per conto nostro tutti i sistemi di mondo sono buoni, purché il livello del gioco aumenti e il numero delle "stars" si moltiplichi di molto. Anche il presente sistema (che indubbiamente è il peggiore di tutti quelli provate fino ad ora) potrebbe andar benissimo se ci fossero divisi Vieri, Nestoridis, Margaritis, McCall, Kinnel, Barbazza, Stanovick, Buljevic etc. etc. nelle varie squadre: aumentare il numero delle squadre di Lega Nazionale promuovendo al massimo campionato le mediocrità della Lega Statale a faccende arrivare altre dal Regno Unito non può essere che un palliativo che non convince nessuno.

Secondo il problema principale della Lega Nazionale non è tanto il formato, ma il fatto che qualcosa come la metà dei giocatori che vi militano non avrebbero trovato tanto facilmente posto nella Lega Statale di allora. Quindi è il caso di dire: "E' finito il campionato, Dio sia lodato!". E' meno male che ci sono le finali di girone e nazionali, almeno nelle prossime settimane avremo l'occasione di vedere quelle poche squadre che possono chiamarsi di Lega Nazionale "darsi battaglia fra di loro".

Ovviamente il sistema di assegnare i campionati nazionali dopo un torneo finale invece che secondo il verdetto dell'intero campionato è un po' "sacrilegio" nel calcio; ma almeno ci darà un calcio ad un livello più accettabile per alcune settimane.

Quindi da questa sera a Melbourne e a Sydney inizierà la miniserie che darà qualche soddisfazione in più non solo ai tifosi delle dodici squadre finaliste, ma anche agli appassionati di calcio che "vorrebbero" andare allo stadio se lo spettacolo valesse il costo del biglietto.

A Melbourne la prima partita inizierà alle 6.30 pm (Olympic Park) e vedrà di fronte Croatia e Preston; la squadra perdente sarà eliminata, quella vincente passerà al prossimo turno; nella seconda partita saranno di fronte Juventus e Heidelberg; la squadra vincente incontrerà l'Hellas nel prossimo turno, mentre la squadra perdente avrà la seconda "chance" e se la vedrà con la squadra vincente del primo incontro nel secondo turno di domenica prossima.

A Sydney le partite inizieranno alle 7.30 pm, al George Stadium, e saranno St. George contro Olympic seguita da Marconi contro Croatia.

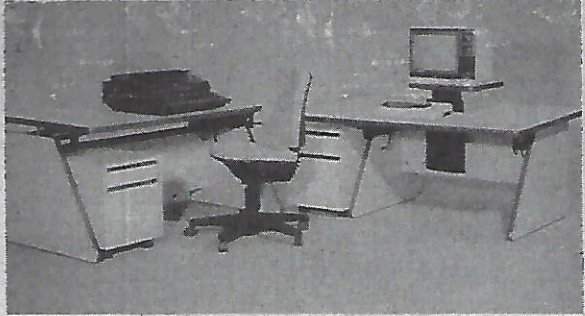
Quindi una squadra italiana è presente in tutte e due i tornei finali di girone. Aspettarsi che tutte e due arrivino alla finale nazionale è forse un pochettino troppo; ma fra le due Juventus di Melbourne dovrebbe avere la probabilità "maggiore" avendo battuto tutte le altre quattro squadre finaliste (Hellas inclusa) durante il campionato.

L'ultima partita del campionato ha visto il St. George scavalcare il Canberra per il quinto posto grazie alla differenza reti; mentre nel girone meridionale il George Cross non ce l'ha fatta a fare lo stesso scherzo al Preston.

L'ultima giornata del campionato ha visto segnare la retrocessione "sul campo" della gloriosa APIA che avrebbe finito al penultimo posto (a 14 punti come il Penrith, ma con una peggiore differenza reti) se una decisione "a tav-

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FORZA JUVE!

Red star ends tour with two victories

The recent international series was a costly adventure whose consequences are yet to be fully felt. It has also shaken the reputation of Red Star Belgrade and established Australia as a force in the soccer world.

We still want an answer to the question. How can a professional team perform so erratically in so short a time? Before leaving Australia, Red Star did some face-saving in the two last matches playing consecutive days in Melbourne and Wollongong.

On Monday night, August 12, Red Star defeated a Yugoslav select of local players 5-0.

The game was played at Ross Reserve in Noble Park under floodlights before an enthusiastic crowd of more than 1000 spectators. Red Star agreed to help "Yugoslavians" preparation for the Mini World Cup at Knox, sponsored by Medibank Private.

The game was of a high standard despite an easy victory for the visitors, who started at half pace.

The home team rose to the occasion and displayed some spectacular action in the first half, before it ran out of steam.

The outstanding player was Tom Karic, who was unlucky not to score from 25 metres. His shot hit the crossbar with goalkeeper Ivkovic well beaten.

In the second half, Red Star ran riot but succeeded to penetrate the dense defence of the local Yugoslavians only a few times.

Final score: RED STAR 5, YUGOSLAV SELECT 0.
Scorers: 20th Milan Jankovic, 39th, Boško Djurovski, 41th, Merilim Zjajo, 73rd Milan Ivanovic, 83rd Husein Musumovic.

YUGOSLAV SELECT:
Mandic (Gic 60th 8), Emil Petrov (7), Karic 9, Belic 6, Gicic 8, Jagic 8 (Maric 60th 7), Palinkas 8, Tapol 7, Laskic 6, Stojilovic 7 (Mudrinic 60th 6), Ljude 7, Coach Ivica Cvek (Springvale United). The players were selected from Footscray JUST, Springvale Utd., Williamstown, Tawners, Thomastown and Eham.

RED STAR: Ivkovic 8, Jankovic 7, Krmovic 7 (Ivanovic 46th 7), Kuznetsov 7, Boško Djurovski 8 (Nikolic 46th 7), Djurovski 7, Nikolic 46th 8 (Radovanovic 46th 7), Zjajo 8, Musumovic 8, Coach Gokic Zec.

Referee: Mike Gout

The next day in Wollongong was a different story. The weary globetrotters from Yugoslavia played in a walk until Wollongong scored in the 55th minute through Rade Stefanovski.

Red Star then reversed the score in a short time.

The Wollongong goalkeepers, Velkov and Billington, managed to keep the visitors down to a close victory with some magnificent saves.

RED STAR 2 WOLLONGONG 1.
Scorers: 70th Boško Djurovski, 80th Ivanovic for Red Star, 55th Stefanovski for Wollongong.

Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds under floodlights.

WOLLONGONG: Velkov 9 (Billington 80th), Owen 8, Gaffney 7, Willis 8, Vlastica 7, Dickson 7 (Karr 62nd), Godak 6 (Gianone 62nd), Maron 6 (Metas 62nd), Brodovic 7, Kozminovic 7 (Hristov 62nd), Stefanovski 8, Coach Adrian Alston.

RED STAR: Ljokovic 7 (Ivanovic 45th 7), Krmovic 7, Kuznetsov 7 (Radovanovic 65th), Elmar 8, Milevski 7, Krmovic 8, Nikolic 7 (Ivanovic 46th 7), Boško Djurovski 8, Musumovic 8, Djurovski 7 (Zjajo 46th 7), Jankovic 7, Coach Gokic Zec.

The visitors were handicapped by the non-appearance of their star player, Mitar Mirkela, who helped destroy Australia in Adelaide.

Wollongong was without young Soccerer Alex Bundalo, of Yugoslav origin, who is representing Australia in the World Youth Championships finals in Soviet Union.

TV drops soccer

The new English season kicked off on Saturday - in case you didn't already know, for the event was snubbed by television and spectators were almost outnumbered by police.

Well, not quite, but it just begs the question: Who still cares about the country's national sport anyway?

A poll commissioned by the "Sunday Times" showed that eight million people were staying away from soccer because of the threat of violence and hooliganism.

Crowds at soccer matches peaked at 41 million in the 1948-49 season and since then, it has been downhill all the way.

In the 1980's gates dropped to about 33 million a year, the following decade to about 27 million and finally last year, a meagre 17.8 million ventured out to see the sport.

Apart from the effects of violence, changes such as increased car ownership, a shorter working week and new leisure patterns have helped the decline in soccer gates.

Soccer has fallen behind swimming, darts, golf and snooker in Britain's top 10 participation sports, according to a 1980 survey.

If further evidence of the game's decline is needed, television's absence from the scene this season is a good pointer.

Viewing figures from recorded soccer highlights have dropped from 10 million eight years ago to four million last season.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

ZALOSTAN ZAVRSETAK SEZONE

Galantan pokušaj George Crossa da u završnici prvenstva završi meo mesto i uključi se u borbu za samopla Australije imao je tragičan završetak na igralistu JUST-a prošle nedelje po podne. Teren je samo pogorsao situaciju, jer je bio raskvasen ostim pljuskovima i tezak za igru. Sudija nista nije doprineo da smiri igru i zive igrica, mada je pravilno postupio kada je prekinuo igru za 8 minuta da bi se nesretni Ivan Istuk uklonio bezbolno sa igralista. Sve je perfektno funkcionisalo. Nosila su doneta za par sekundi, a ambulanta je stigla 10 minuta. Sportska svest svih prisutnih pobedila je strasti, koje je za trenutak razbuktao ovaj tragičan događaj.

Kiri Kyriakoulas mozda najviše žali ovaj slučaj, jer nije bio nameran. Ali to je i skola za sve igrača da se fudbal ne igra samo srecem i razumom, nego mozda nesrećo za život jednog mladog sportista, koji je zarao zeleo pobedu svog kluba i preterano se zrtvovao. Jer da se on nije isturio stradao bi Vlatko Belic, posto Kiru nije gledao ko je pred njim.

JUST je pružio nalgoru igru u ovoj godini. Dosta je uticao i tragičan događaj da se "plavi" prepuste sudbini. Inace nisu imali zasto da se bore, jer su zabavili da je ugled isto tako vazan kao i plasman na tabeli, cak mozda vazniji. Nisu se cak pomislili zasto je dosao toliki broj ljudi po nevremenu? Svakako da im pruži moralnu podršku, sto nisu znali da cene. Od svih igrača to su shvatili samo Toma Karic, Marko Turudija, Brian O'Donnell i Vlatko Belic.

Porod svega tesko je zamisliti da neko u ovom trenutku moze zamisliti "plave" u Nacionalnoj ligi, koja hronicno boluje od slabe posete. Apurid bi kao primiti klub sa 20 gledalaca.

Mladit tim JUST-a je posao stopama starijih igrača. Istina tim je bio eslabljen odlaskom Milana Djurdjevia na odmor u Jugoslaviju, ali jos sve losim rukovodstvom.

Sa znaci dobar trener mogli smo da vidimo gotovo u isto vreme na pomoncom juniorskom igralistu, gde je JUST-ov tim ispod 15 godina pregazio vodeci sastav Sunshine Heights sa 5:2 (1:2). Dok Djura Krivovica nije preuzeo duznost trenera taj tim je izgubio uzastopce šest utakmica, a posle toga skoro da ne zna za poraz. Dobro trener vrati pola tima.

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POCETAK SAMPIONATA

Veceras na Olympic Melbourne Croatia i Makedonija otvaraju sampionski turnir, posto su se sa dosta sportske sreće dokopali prve i cetvrtog mesta. Jedan klub otpada iz dalje borbe. Tesko je preraci pobednika, iako Melbourne Croatia od tri golmana neće imati ni jednog za ovaj vazan susret.

Utakmica pocinje u 7.30 uvece na Olympic Parku. u glavnom susretu sastaju se Juventus i Heidelberg, koji imaju dupli sansu.

U nedelju 25. avgusta sastaje se pobednik prvog susreta sa porazenim iz drugog u predigri: U glavnoj igri pobednik susreta Juventus u Heidelbergu igra protiv South Melbourne Hellasa.

PRVENSTVO VIKTORIJE

ALTONA GATE/VARDAR - KEW PARK RANGERS 2:1 (1:0). Strelci: Mick Micevski u 21. i Boris Gelevski u 57. minutu za Vardar. navijaci su vec navikli da svake subote doivim iznenađenje. Ovog puta radost je ozarija sva lica, jer je Micevski sa svojim momcima zaslužio mnogo vecu pobedu, ali Kew Park Rangers, koji se bori za opstanak grevitio se branio, cak i uspesho napredao pred kraj utakmice.

Sastav Altona Gate: Lacok, Zdravetski, Derivseviski, Serovski, Chris Talevski (Kebakovski), Lube Talevski, Veljanovski (Georgijevski), Figuera, Micevski, Gelevski, Ristovski.

Rezerva Altona Gate pregazila je goste sa 6:0 (6:0). Strelci: Mario Mantello 2, Goran Georgijevski 2 i Blagolja Cvetkovski 2. Igrači rezerve su pruzili najbolju igru u ovoj sezoni, ali samo u prvom delu, kada su postigli svih šest golova. Posle odmora igralo se dosta sebično i za lico zadovoljstvo.

U nedelju 25. avgusta Altona Gate je gost Moreland na Campbell Reserve, Moor Street, Coburg.

RINGWOOD UTD/Srbija - Waverley city 9:2 (9:1) Zbog nepravilne igre vecini igrača Ringwood United izgubilo je dva vazna boda. Na pocetku prvenstva klub se borio za prvo mesto, a na kraju vodi lufu borbu za opstanak: ovaj poraz tesko je objasniti, jer je u sredu uvece Ringwood/Srbija pobedila u prijateljskom susretu protivlaga Wilhelmima sa 4:2. Posle dugog vremena branilo je opet Jimmy Millsavljeric, ali nije kriv niza jedan gol.

Sastav Ringwood/Srbija: J. Millsavljeric, S. Hollow, Anderson, J. Glimour, A. Nelson, A. Demir, Z. Popovic, Lj. Bosancic, P. Jevtyev, R. Erdog, M. Sedlarevic, R. Williams. Nisu igrali Miki Djuric, koji je slomio koleno na utakmici sa Wilhelmim, i Miladin Bjelogrić zbog crvenog kartona.

U subotu 24. avgusta Ringwood/Srbija je gost Keller/Austrija na Keller Park Reserve, Harlick Road, Keller, My 15 A7.

Tezak poraz je doivio ROYAL RICHMOND/SINDJELIC, koji je kao domacin izgubio od Elthama sa 0:1. Jedino opravdanje je oslabljen sastav, jer nije igrao najbolji strelac Dragan Vasic zbog suspenzije.

SPRINGVALE UNITED 8 GEELONG 3:0 (0:0). "Plavi" iz Springvale pobedili su iako konkurenta za prvo mesto, ali je problem kada se sastanu sa klubovima koji se bore za opstanak.

Strelci: Aleksandar Velkovski u 55., Zahid Tepic u 14. i Milan Stojilovic u 76. minutu.

"Plavi" sastav: Zoran Mandic, Djura Silvec, Milenko Culibrk, Dragoslav Jelenc, Stjepan Janjic, Dragan Janjic, Boris Maric, Emil Petrov, Zahid Tepic, Milan Stojilovic, Aleksandar Velkovski. Na klupi za rezerve igraće sedeli su, ali nisu igrali Hiko Kaim, Fredi Vasalo i Milan Tomic.

U predigri rezerva je pobedila goste sa 2:1 (1:0). Strelci: Johnny Skomrlj u 22. i Joe Franceti iz jedanaesterca u 89. minutu.

BORONIA - LALOR/STOGA +3 (1:0). Strelci: Toni Georgijevski 2 i Juba Stojanovic.

Sastav Stogi: Trajceviski, Papis, Z. Ristevski, Mohorovits, Jevsevi, Iljija, Georgijevski, R. Ristevski, Stojanovic, Sekulovski, Pucilovski (Korolinski).

ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΗΝ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΤΑ ΜΕΤΑΛΛΑ ΛΑΘΗ

Μοδ τ εικε πρην παρην ελληνικου μας συλλόγου γιά τος νν διοικοντες ας 6-ποιοι πέφτον από γκράφα σέ γκράφα: "Οι άνθρωποι αβόλ είναι τελείως άσχετοι με τος άθλητικογάρους και πέφτον από τó ένα λάθος στο άλλο.δέν τούς βλέπω να πη γαίουν μακριά..."

ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΕΥΡΕΛΜΑ

δέν ένα καμία όρεξη να άνακτεδουαι με τó ελληνικό κóσμελλο αλλά δέν μπορέ και να μ γράψω αβόλ με με ρωτάνε παρónτες τών δούλων μας. "Αβόλ τήν διαρρήτ και αβόλ τήν Β.Ελλάς ας κ.κ. Αποστολδούλους και βέβαια,ρωτάνε σχετικά: "Μά τί θέ γίνεται έπιτέλους; Ούτε πωλ όττε άνδραση. Καί τί χρήματα τά περουνά τί έγιναν; Πότε θα τά μοιράσουν; Εί' ένα κóσμελλο που έχει κóσμος κύριος άβόλ τήν έπιτροπή στο σπλίτ του τóποιο άβόλ τήν έπιτροπή από τήν Γ.Ε.Α τί έγινε; Αβόλ και με έκίφλαξη γιατί ίσως όλα τακτοποιηθού σύντομα.

ΤΟ ΑΛΒΑΝΙΣΜΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΙΣΩ ΠΟΡΤΑ

"Ήμαθα μερικοί - εβτυχώς μερικοί - που άς ποιμε ότι λέγονται παρónτες ποδοσφαιρικώς μας δούλων,οί όποιοι ζήτάνε να βλέπουν τά άνδρατά τους στις έφημεριδες και τος άρέσει το λιβάνισμα. Τώρα κατά πόσο τó άρίζουν ή όχι οι ίδι οι τó γνωρίζουν. Τó κακό όμως είναι πός όταν δέν εδν πέφονατά τους,τος πιάνει πανικός και κομπελζάρονται σε σημείο που να γίνονται και ρουφιάνοι. Στο σημείο αβόλ έσχεθον άκόμη και τά παντελόνια από φορον... πολλά έσχεθον και δέν σκέπτονται πός αβόλ που γελάει είναι δ τελευταίος.

ΑΣ ΤΟ ΠΟΙΜΕ ΠΑΡΑΠΩΝΟ

Μοδ τ εικε δ πρόσθερος τού Μέγα κ.Στθήβ Στεφανόβιτς:"Δέν μπορώ να καταλάβω τί γίνεται με τήν έφημερίδα.Γιά τόν συλλογό μας γράφουν με τó παραικρό γιά χρέη και ένα σωρό άλλα. Γιά άλλους συλλόγους που είναι νακαρθεωμένοι μέχρι τόν λαϊμό και κυτίζουν πός και τί να μαβόσουν χρήματα γιά τίς πληρωμές τών παικτών τους... κάνουν τó κορόϊδο".

ΤΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΟΠΟΥΛΑ

Σήμερα και τήν Κυριακή οι φίλαθλοι θά



Το Κλίφτον Χιλ το οποίο παρά τις απώλειες που έχει έτος χωρίς τους Στρατάκη, Λορέντζο, Πελεγγίνο, συνεχίζει να βρίσκεται στην τετάρδα στο πρωτάθλημα της Δ' κατηγορίας του Βυτιόριου Αθλη. Όρθοι από αριστερά: Δ. Μήλιος (προπονητής), Ν. Τυρίκος, Γ. Πενόνης, Α. Φόκος, Κρ. Ανδρίτσας, Γ. Κύργιος, Α. Καράλιας, Κρ. Χρήνης. Κάθιστοι: Β. Παπαγεωργίου, Χ. Κουτσάρας, Π. Πετροπούλου, Π. Πάτσας, Π. Γκέλλης και Γ. Μυστιώτης.

έχουν τήν ελπίδα να δούν και να χεירו κροτήσουν τόν Αλέξανδρο που θά παίζει γιά τó τέτλο τού Νοτίου Όαλίου, δ ποίος έχει στήν συνυεση τόν άρκετά έλληνο-πουλά... κάτι που μετράει πολύ.

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΗΡΙΑ κ. ΠΑΠΑΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ

Ο δημοτικός σύμβουλος της περιοχής τού Σόουθ Σπρινκβέιλ κ.Παπαγεωργίου,δουλεύει άδρόμια γιά τήν τοπική και δόμνημη δ μέθο που άγνυρίζεται στήν Δ'κατηγορία τού Προβλήτου Αθλη. "Αφού ήδη έσασσώλισε τó γήπεδο,καί με τó υπόλοιπο βοηθητικά,τώρα ένεργει να πεί τόν χώρο αβόλ να τó γήπεδο δ σύλλογος γιά 21 χρόνια. "Θά τó καταρώσω κι' αβόλ τά πολλά άλλα μου εικε γιατί τó άρίζουν όλοι αβόλ που στέκονται κοντά στήν ομάδα".

ΣΟΦΗΡ ΟΜΑΔΑ ΤΟ ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ 4 - Ο ΤΗΝ ΡΟΞΑΝΑ ΑΝΑΡΙΤΗΣ ΟΙ ΤΕΙΧΡΙΤΕΣ ΟΙ ΕΚΠΟΡΕ

Τρομερό τó Κλίφτον Χιλ με τος νεαρούς παικτες του δώλυσε κυριολεκτικά τήν 2η στέν βαθμολογικό πίνακα Ρόσνα και τήν νίκησε βίκατα 4-0.

"Η ελληνική ομάδα που άόικα βρίσκεται στήν 2η θέση,ήττω καταπληκτικά και χάζεφε τος άντιπάλους της.

Οι κιανδουκιοι ήταν δυνατόι,τεχνίτες δεμένοι στήν άμυνα,με περίφημο κέντρο και άποτελεσματικό στήν έπιθεση.

Ο άγνώας ήταν πραγματικό ντέρμπυ και στο 31' τó Κλίφτον πέραςε μπροστά τόν σκόρ με τόν νεαρό Ποιχρητίζ που πλάσαρε από τήν μεγάλη περιοχή τόν άντικαλο γκολκίπερ,γιά να κάνει δ σούπερ άνδρίτση τó 2-0 στο 44' με γωνιακό σούτ.

Στήν επανάληψη και αφού στο 46' δ άδ-

κος έχασε σίγουρο γκολ,ή Ρόσνα προσπάθησε να μειώσει τόν σκόρ αλλά ή άμυνα τού Κλίφτον άπό τó 60' έως τó 70'στάθη με ύπεροχα.

Στό 73' και σέ μπροστινή μπαλιά τού Τυρίκου δ Άνδρίτσας κέρδισε πέναλτυ ποό τó κτύπησε δ ίδιος κάνοντας τó 3-0 και στο 87' πάλι δ Ανδρίτσας από κοντά με κεραυνό έκλεισε τόν σκόρ με 4-0.

Δέν ύπηρεζε παλικής άπό τó Κλίφτον ποό δέν πάλαιψε γιά τήν νίκη και άζίζουν δόλοι τους συγχρητίζοι.

"Άπδευαν ότι όταν θέλουν να παίζουν δέν ύπάρχει ομάδα στήν κατηγορία που να μή τήν κερδίσουν.

"Αριστο ήττα ή διατιτσία τού πεπειραμένου κ.Μ.ΑΔΤ. Κακάς οι μερικοί φίλαθλοι της Ρόσνα τών έβαλαν στόχο."Η ομάδα τους ήταν τυχερή ποό δέν δέχθηκε περισσότερα τέρματα.

"Έπαιξαν γιά τó Κλίφτον οι Κύργιος,Χρόνης,Καράλιας,Τυρίκος,Μυστιώτης,Πάτσας (78' Κουσιτάρας),Παπαγεωργίου(89' Τζιτζιράς),Κιτάλης,άκος,Ανδρίτσας,Τσιχρητίζ.

Τό δάββατο τó Κλίφτον άγνυρίζεται στο Μπόρντερ και ή ομάδα θά άναχωρήσει τήν Παρασκευή τó άπόγευμα.

ΗΤΠΑ ΤΗΝ Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ

Μέ 5-2 έχασε ή Ν.Ελλάς άπό τó Ηπούλν ήν χρειάζεται προσοχή στούς ύδλοιοπους άγώνες.

Τά γκολ γιά τήν ελληνική ομάδα πέτυχαν οι Ντέντης - Διαιμαντάρης.

"Έπαιξαν οι Πασιόκος,Τσαντογιάννης,Ζακοντιός(άδούκας),Χάσιον,Τσιανός,Κωστόπουλος,Κουρής,Διαιμαντάρης,Μποζνέφσκι,Ακριτέλης,Ντέντης.

by Manos Milios

ΠΡΟΧΕΡΗΣ ΤΟ ΚΑΛΩΝΗΤ

Καλότερο τó Κάλωνητ νίκησε και τó Σάμπουρν 2-1.

"Η ελληνική ομάδα έχανε έως τó 65' 1-0 με γκολ ποό δέχθηκε στο 50' αλλά δ Σαχί νίκησε έκανε τó 1-1.

Στό 70' δ διατιτς άνδρασε κανονικό τέρμα τόν ζέμενικ και στο 80' δ Κιτσώ νης κέρδισε πέναλτυ ποό έκανε σέ γκολ δ Σαχινύνης γράφοντας τó 2-1.

"Έπαιξαν οι Χάκ,Κιτσώνης,Χαμιάιτης,θεοχαρίδης,Κούτος,Τοφάρης,Αμανατίδης,Τοκαλίδης(50' Πιρίτης),ζέμενικ,Αβράμ.

ΑΝΩΤΕΡΟ ΤΟ ΟΚΑΗ ΝΙΚΗΣΕ

Καλότερο τó "Οάη νίκησε έκτός έδρας τó Μέρκ Πάρκ 2-1 με γκολ τών Στεργίου (15') και Κολιφάτση (50').

Τό γήπεδο ήταν βαρό και χάθηκαν ελπίδες. "Έπαιξαν οι Παλβίτης,Αολέτας,Στοιάνου,Μπακτιέρος,Παλβίτης,Νικολαΐδης,Σ.Τσιούβης,Τζ.Τσιούβης,Στεργίου(λεονάρδος),Ιρβάν και Κολιφάτσης.

Η ΚΑΛΠΙΝΤΑ 2-2 ΜΕ ΤΟ ΚΛΑΥΝΤΟΝ

Λυ και έχανε ή Κλαρίντα 2-0 με τó Κλάυντον τελικά συνήλθε και μείωσε στο 70' με πέναλτυ ποό κέρδισε δ Κυν/νου και έκτέλεσε δ Γκιργκας,γιά να ίσοφάρσει δ Ούγκριλντ 2-2 στο 72' τó άγώνα.

"Η σθένεση:Ιωακείμης,Ν.Ακιάιτης,Κυν/νου,Π.Αποστολδούλους,Β.Γιατζόνης,Α.Χαραλάμους,Χόμας,Ούγκριλντ,Νίτσιλας(Κοζιάρης),Γκιργκας,Μ.Χαραλάμους(Κοζιάρης). "Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 18 - 0.

ΘΡΙΑΜΒΟΣ ΤΟΥ Σ.ΣΠΙΝΚΙΒΕΡΑ 3-2

Μεγάλη νίκη πήρε τó Σόουθ Σπρινκβέιλ επί της "Βν.Ποντίων 3-2 από τήν ποια δ σφερόρ στα τελευταία λεπτά άπέβαλε 2 παίκτες.

Οι γηπεδοόχοι (Σπρινκβέιλ)προηγήθηκαν στο Α' μέρος 2-0 με τόν Τομζός στο 27' και τόν Κατασρό στο 35' αλλά είχε ένα κόρ με τόν Λεονάρδο. Στο Β'ήμιχρονο ή "Βν.Ποντίων πήρε τήν ύπεροχή και ίσοφάρισε 2-2 αλλά δ Κατασρό στο 75' με κεφαλή έκανε τó τελικό 3-2.

Γιά τήν ομάδα τού Χρήστου Πισιμής έπαιξαν οι Πέτρον,Γ.Αργυρόπουλος,Χ'αναστασίου,Κέρρος,Μέτ,Πράγκοι,Τσι,Βαρέλας,Σ.Σελεμύδης,Λεονάρδος,Κατασρό,Τομζός (60' Πασιουρτζής).

Εσώρσαν οι Νέτ,Χ'Αναστασίου,Αργυρόπουλος.



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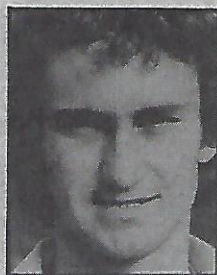
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SOUTHERN DIVISION

DOUBLE HEADER AT OLYMPIC PARK, MELBOURNE
WEDNESDAY 21st AUGUST (TONIGHT)

ELIMINATION SEMI FINAL — 6.30pm kick off
MELBOURNE CROATIA vs PRESTON MAKEDONIA

PRELIMINARY SEMI FINAL — 8.30pm kick off
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS vs HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER



STEVE GOJAVIC

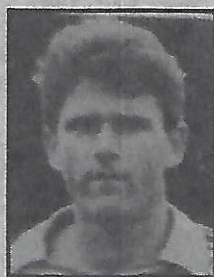


PETER TSOLAKIS

NORTHERN DIVISION

ELIMINATION SEMI-FINAL —
WEDNESDAY 21st AUGUST (TONIGHT)
at ST GEORGE STADIUM — 7.30pm kick off
SYDNEY OLYMPIC vs ST GEORGE

PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINAL —
WEDNESDAY 21st AUGUST (TONIGHT)
at MARCONI STADIUM — 7.30pm kick off
SYDNEY CROATIA vs MARCONI



ZARKO ODZAKOV



DAVID RATCLIFFE

SUNDAY'S MATCHES — 25th AUGUST

SOUTHERN DIVISION

DOUBLE HEADER AT OLYMPIC PARK, MELBOURNE

WINNER OF ELIMINATION FINAL vs LOSER OF PRELIMINARY SEMI
kick off — 2.00pm

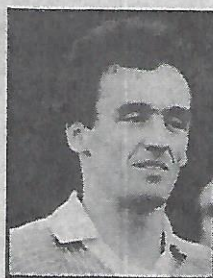
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kick off — 4.00pm

NORTHERN DIVISION

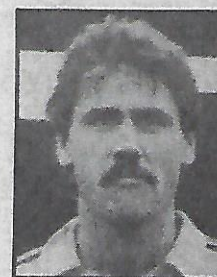
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WINNER OF ELIMINATION FINAL vs LOSER PRELIMINARY SEMI
kick off time — T.B.A.

SYDNEY CITY vs WINNER OF PRELIMINARY SEMI
kick off time — T.B.A.



CHARLIE EGAN



STEVE O'CONNOR